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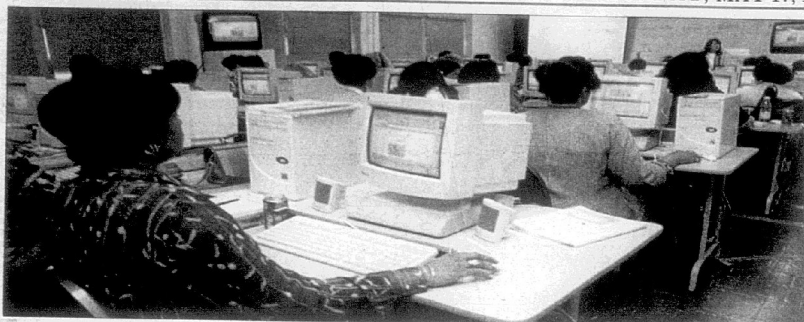
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A group of Madison School District teachers practice using the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet program while Blair School teacher Chris Kelly helps them through the process from the front of the classroom.

## 'Best thing since the lead pencil'

Madison Middle students attend computer workshop

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Andrea Shepard knows she is no dummy, but she needed to know more about computers.

"This is the way of the future," she said. "I have a home computer," she said. "Although I am no dummy, there are a lot of things I didn't know, and I've learned quite a bit."

a district-sponsored workshop on Microsoft Office.

The workshop — part of a Technology Improvement Project grant — was available to teachers and staff throughout the district.

"I have a home computer," she said. "Although I am no dummy, there are a lot of things I didn't know, and I've learned quite a bit."

She said learning the new technology is very important for both her and her students.

"This is the way of the future, everything is going to be based on technology, so I think it's good we keep up on things," she said.

Barb Cox, technology coordinator

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John Frese photo

Harris School secretary Rosann Bulva watches as Troy Dunlap, who teaches at Harris, installs a memory card in a Macintosh Powerbook laptop computer. Thirty-five district employees spent several days last week at a district-sponsored workshop on Microsoft Office.

## Gateway changes target parking

Motorists also able to obtain information via special station

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Information on parking and traffic for major events at Gateway International Raceway in Madison is now on the air.

Fans coming to the Motorola 300 May 21-23 can get information by tuning in to 92.7 FM.

"We have the capability for low-level FM broadcasting now, and we are happy to be able to use it to help our fans get in and out of the facility a little bit easier," said Gateway President and General Manager Rod Wolter. "We believe we have made sufficient improvements in the parking and traffic plan that fans won't have some of the problems they faced last year."

The Motorola 300 weekend will consist of three races: the Motorola 300, round six of the 1998 CART FedEx Championship series; the PPG-Dayton Indy Lights Championship; and the KOOL/Toyota Atlantic Championship.

Race festivities actually start Tuesday with the Motorola 300 Fan Fest — featuring cars and drivers from all three races — at Kiener Plaza from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The festival continues at Soudard Market. The festival, sponsored by the Soudard Business Association and Budweiser, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. through Friday.

There will be interactive displays, simulators, music and entertainment each night of the festival. More than 20 businesses in Soudard will hold

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## Utility tax error corrected

Decimal point had been left off rate

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An ordinance that would have imposed a huge utility tax on Ponton Beach residents was corrected by village officials Tuesday.

The ordinance — imposing a new rate structure for the village's utility tax — had originally been passed at

the last meeting, but the decimal points had been left off the tax rates.

Because of that mistake, the monthly tax — about \$10 per month for a home or business using 2,000 kilowatt-hours — would have been approximately \$100,000.

The rate changes are necessary because of recent legislation deregulating utilities.

Because rates are expected to fall

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## Students warping time

Time capsule will be part of dedication today

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Part of Granite City Senior High School's rededication festivities will be sealed for 50 years.

The Student Council, to mark the beginning of a new area in the newly-renovated high school, has created a time capsule display for the

new atrium across from the front office. The Student Council and the class of 1998 will enclose a capsule that won't be opened until 2048.

Linda Ames, the student council adviser, said construction of the time capsules and display case was a group

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## Welcome to your new Journal

New design complements renewed emphasis on local news

Today's edition of your Journal marks the debut of a new look for the newspaper, a look designed to be more colorful, more open and more inviting. It also reflects our increased commitment to providing you with fresh neighborhood news and community sports.

But first, the new design. Headline styles have changed to be more visually

appealing and allow more information about stories to be conveyed in the same space. Increased use of secondary headlines, fact boxes, charts and quote "pullouts" will add both design appeal and provide a quicker understanding of the importance of news and feature stories.

The familiar Journal nameplate at the

top of the page has been updated to reflect the new look. New technology in graphic design also will mean more effective use of color photos and more flexibility in their display.

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# Opinions

## My view

### Braun using hysteria to dodge bullets



Scott Cousins

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

I've never thought of Wyvetter Young as a radical conservative extremist.

Or Evelyn Bowles, Steve Davis, or Tom Holbrook for that matter.

But apparently U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun does. In a May 6 press release, Braun's campaign blasted her opponent, Republican State Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, for his position on the carrying of concealed handguns.

Fitzgerald is a vocal supporter of concealed carry. And all of those mentioned above have either voiced in favor or expressed varying degrees of support — or at least acceptance — of such measures.

From a practical perspective, while this issue comes up occasionally in Illinois, it will probably not be a big deal this year. Unlike Missouri, where the issue may be on a ballot, giving Metro East residents a front-row seat for a deluge of hysterical ranting from both sides in what will be a multi-million dollar bonanza for radio and television stations.

But it seems to be the focal point of Moseley-Braun's campaign so far. That's a shame, but it's understandable. She's attempted to do what

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin was able to do with opponent Al Salvi — marginalize him on a few issues and avoid any real debate on anything of substance. Whipping up a bit of hysteria also helps.

Moseley-Braun avoid the fact that she and her office do not have a good reputation of dealing with downstate constituents and she is not popular with a lot of people down here.

Without getting into the merits of the concealed carry issue, or the entire gun control controversy — a very incendiary issue, one of the real problems with having any kind of intelligent debate on the subject — blasting Fitzgerald as an "extremist" ignores the fact that the legislative issue is primarily one between Chicago and downstate.

The last time the issue came up for a vote it split between downstate legislators who overwhelmingly supported it against Chicago and most collar-county legislators, who voted it down.

So who is the extremist? In attacking her opponent over what would be an inconsequential issue in a U.S. Senate race — concealed carry is not something that the U.S. Senate is likely to consider, although the candidate's over all position on gun control and crime should be important in legitimate political debate — she panders to Chicago-land.

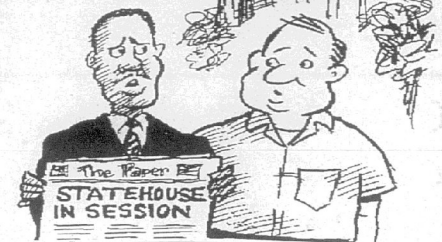
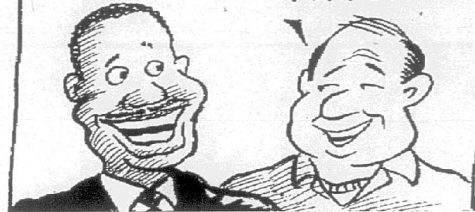
Which is fine. She's a Chicago politician and should be expected to act like one. But for those of us in the thinking part of the state, skip the rhetoric and get down to the issues and facts.

It's going to be a long enough campaign without the hysteria.

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"Calamari, because it has little eyes that look at you when you are eating them."



"Anchovies, because they are really slimy."



"Liver, because it is dry and grainy."



"I can't think of any food I wouldn't eat."



"I can't think of any food I wouldn't eat."

Photos and Interviews by T.W. Miller  
Interviewed in Collinsville

## Letter to the editor

Better penions benefit more than teachers

TO THE EDITOR  
The battle to make public education better in Illinois is fought continuously on many fronts, including classrooms, school board meetings and in the chambers of the Illinois General Assembly. Currently, lawmakers have before them a bill representing a small, but necessary piece of the puzzle, one that, if passed, will help our state attract and retain the high-quality teachers that our children deserve.

The bill in question is known as the "2.2 Teacher Pension Bill." Its passage would mean an end to the second-class status currently accorded Illinois' retired public school teachers by bringing their pension benefits up to a reasonable level.

The good news about Illinois schools is that our student test scores regularly surpass the national average, a great source of pride for all teachers and parents. Yet, despite significant improvements and consistently solid performances by their students, Illinois public school teachers have little to crow about when their retirement benefits are compared to those of their

counterparts in other states. Illinois ranks last among 50 states in several key teacher retirement categories, including the pension levels earned after devoting 20 and 30 years to educating our state's children.

Ironically, teachers are being short-changed at the same time that the General Assembly is passing teacher accountability legislation and other bills that are touted as keys to improving the quality of education in public schools.

When these bills are being debated, we hear from commentators who say education is "too important to the future of our state and must get better." They're absolutely right. But they can't have it both ways. For education to get better, Illinois must attract and retain the

best teachers. Maintaining Illinois teachers' current second-class status will make everyone's goal of improving public education even more difficult.

While concerns have been expressed about the cost of the pension bill, the truth is that the bill will be funded by teachers, local school systems and by the state. As for whether it is affordable, we ask, "Can the state afford to make teaching a profession that doesn't attract and retain the best teachers?" Maintaining Illinois teachers' current second-class status will make everyone's goal of improving public education even more difficult.

Teachers do not receive Social Security, a point seldom mentioned by those who deny teachers need reasonable pay

or benefits. A pension often constitutes a teacher's entire retirement plan.

To suggest, as some critics have, that an annual pension of up to \$34,000 is exorbitant for a professional who has given perhaps more than half his or her life to educating the children of Illinois is a tremendous insult to the teachers of our state, as well as the children who have benefited from having good teachers.

While answers are often hard to come by, the question is relatively simple. Are you for better schools, or not? The pension bill is a fair and long-needed step in the right direction for Illinois public education.

BOB HAIMAN  
President  
Illinois Education Association

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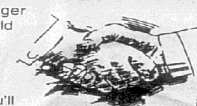
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# Hall's wife bought bullet that killed woman, expert says

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Telegraph staff writer

A State Police gun expert testified Thursday that the bullet that killed 17-year-old Samantha Beasley in October 1994 came from a gun purchased by the wife of murder suspect Felipe Lamont Hall, 34.

Another expert testified that hairs, probably of Beasley and 20-year-old Christina Masters, who was also shot to death on Oct. 3, 1994, were found in a van the prosecution believes was used by Hall on the night of the killings.

Hall, formerly of Pine Lawn, Mo., is on trial in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr. on charges of

Prosecutor says handgun and shotgun were used in killings

first-degree murder.

Previous testimony indicated Hall may have obtained use of the van by having someone else rent it from an agency. The firearm expert, Tom Gambo, testified that a shotgun blast at close range killed Beasley. The two women's bodies were found in a field near Old Alton Road and Oldenburg Road in the Mitchell area the morning of Oct. 4. Authorities said 9mm shell casings and shotgun shells were taken from the crime scene and examined by Gambo. A



Hall

9mm slug was taken from Beasley's body and sent to the crime lab where Gambo works.

Another State Police scientist, Glen Shubert, testified that it is likely the hairs of the victims got into the van because the victims were in the van. Responding to questions from defense attorney Lyndon Evanko, Shubert said it is possible the hairs could have been transferred to the van as a result of contact with the victims before the

murders, but that scenario was very unlikely.

A United Airlines ticket agent testified Thursday that Hall and two other men bought tickets to Colorado Springs, Colo., shortly after the crime.

She said she later recognized Hall from a television broadcast saying police were looking for him.

In opening arguments Tuesday, Assistant State's Attorney Keith Jensen said testimony would prove Hall used a 9mm handgun and a shotgun on the women.

The trial was recessed Friday. It will continue next week.

## GCHS students help create time capsule

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effort.

The idea came from monitor Ginny Henson, Ames said, who thought they should do something that would represent the community and live on through the ages.

"So in 50 years, people then could know this was a new era (for the high school) and know what the community was like," she said.

The concept turned into a perpetual capsule, where a new one would be added every four years, she said.

"Fifty years is good because kids putting items in would still be around," Ames said. "Some might even have grandchildren in the class (of 2048)."

The vocational drafting classes under Dave Trower helped create the time capsule, which was designed by seniors like Newman and Justin Hopper.

The welding classes under Paul Kimbrell and machine shop under David King built the capsules themselves. Bricks were donated by the Germann Brick Contractor, which also constructed the housing for the time capsules, and Heidman Steel Products

of Granite City donated the steel for the capsules themselves.

The whole time capsule display will be topped off by a 4 1/2-foot-tall statue of the "Warrior," the high school mascot. Granite City resident Tony Johnson, who in March donated his statue of a snarling tiger to Edwardsville High School, created the GCHS statue.

Germann bricklayers, who lent their assistance early last week, were finishing up work on the capsule display late Friday to be ready for the high school's dedication.

Jeff Klee, Student Council president for 1997-98, has mailed questionnaires to various organizations around the area to be included in the capsule.

The form asks for the organization's name, motto, current officers, a brief history, events sponsored in 1998, the group's view of Granite City today and its hopes for the future.

The class of '98's time capsule will be sealed May 22, the last day of school.

School district leaders will officially dedicate the renovated high school at 1 p.m. today, Sunday, across from the main office.



This statue of the "Warrior," carved by Granite City resident Tony Johnson, will sit atop the new time capsule display in Granite City Senior High School.

## Mayor will get a full-time secretary

Board also votes to keep number of liquor licenses at 9 when 1 turned in

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Ordinances dealing with liquor licenses and a full-time secretary for the mayor were among issues dealt with by the Pontoon Beach Village Board at Tuesday's meeting.

**PONTON BEACH** The Board approved an ordinance keeping the number of Class B liquor licenses at the same level — nine — when a license is turned in.

Previously, if a business owner turned in a license, the number of licenses allowed would be reduced.

Mayor Glen Wilson said the change was made at this time because of a situation involving a local convenience store — the Hot Spot — where the owner is retiring.

"His son-in-law wants that license, but I couldn't give it to him unless they changed the ordinance or a (new) liquor license was issued," Wilson said.

The Board also approved an ordinance creating the position of a full-time liquor control assistant/secretary at a salary of \$25,000 per year. The Board voted 3-1 in favor of the ordinance. Trustee Irene Karlechik voted against the

measure, while Trustees Lou Whitsell, Bob Abel and Bob Vincent voted in favor.

Trustees Randy Presswood and Gus Falter were absent.

Presswood, Falter and Karlechik had been opposed to the position. Falter had said previously that the position was not needed because the mayor was part-time.

However, Wilson had said that a full-time secretary was needed because he was a part-time mayor.

The Board also approved 3-1 an ordinance requiring a copy of village ordinances to be kept in the mayor's office.

In other business, the Board approved three business licenses: a one-time auction by Richard C. Oliver, 111 Hot Spot, and Denny's Restaurant.

The new license for Denny's was necessary because a new management team has taken over operations.

A business license request by Kim Benda was tabled until more information was known.

Benda had requested a license for "Cutting Edge" to sell "food and drugs" at the Hard Body Gym, 3692 Illinois 11, but several trustees wanted more information.

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# Man whose body was found is not the 'South Side Rapist'

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

A man whose body was found Wednesday in a field outside Collinsville is not the "South Side Rapist."

Collinsville Police Chief Gerrit Gillespie said Thursday that DNA taken from the dead 35-year-old man did not match that known to be from the "South Side Rapist." Gillespie denied news reports that had declared the dead man as a prime suspect in the serial rapist case.

However, Gillespie said police had wanted to talk to the man in connection with the case. The man, who had last been seen alive early last week, apparently disappeared shortly after police attempted to contact him.

"He was a lead but he was never a primary suspect," Gillespie said. "We have never labeled anyone that as of yet."

The man died from a single gunshot wound, apparently self-inflicted, police said.

While his body was discovered about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, he had apparently been dead for more than a day.

His body was found in a field on Fomeris Road, just off Lebanon Road. Authorities have not released details about the discovery of the body.

Gillespie said his department and other area

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Gerrit Gillespie  
Collinsville chief

law enforcement are currently investigating more than 200 leads they have received since releasing new information on the serial rapist earlier this month.

On May 1, police unveiled a new composite sketch and photos of a necklace pulled from the "South Side rapist" during a 1992 attack. They also released a five-minute audiotape of a 911 call made from a Collinsville bar by a man who claimed to know the identity of the serial rapist. The caller told police that the rapist lives in Collinsville.

Some authorities believe the call even could have been made by the rapist himself.

The "South Side rapist" is suspected of at least 21 attacks in the last 10 years in the St. Louis area. Two Collinsville residents — one attacked in 1994, the other in 1995 — are among the victims. Besides Collinsville, he has struck

in St. Louis city and county, St. Charles and in Arnold.

The suspect is described as a white male, age 35-45, standing 5 feet, 10 inches to 6 feet, 1 inch and weighing 150-200 pounds. He also is

believed to have light brown hair.

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# Legislators 'having fun' during short session, Holbrook says

## Legislation includes several subjects

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Although members of the state's General Assembly are only supposed to introduce "emergency" legislation, they are "raising hell and having fun," according to Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Belleville. The legislature is in the

middle of a two-week session. While by custom they are only supposed to consider new bills that are deemed "emergency," issues ranging from tax reform to hog farms are being considered. Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, said tax reform would be a major issue. "There's got to be some

form of tax relief before we get out of session," he said. "Personally, I think we're going to see a doubling of the exemption from \$1,000 to \$2,000." He said it would cost the state an estimated \$350 million in tax revenue, but noted a "billion dollar." See HOLBROOK, Page 7A

## Quick-take authority proposal advances

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

A tool that area leaders say allows for faster economic growth in the Metro East merely awaits the governor's approval. Quick-take authority, legislation sponsored by State Rep. Tom Holbrook, was approved by the Senate Thursday, and now awaits Gov. Jim Edgar's signature. The Southwestern Illinois Development Authority already has the ability to develop, construct and acquire

industrial, commercial and housing or residential projects in both Madison and St. Clair counties. Holbrook's legislation extends the quick-take authority until Aug. 30, 2000. "SWIDA has been one of our greatest assets in regards to development here," Holbrook said. "They have used their quick-take privileges sparingly and responsibly, and they have earned the right to have these privileges renewed." The General Assembly, is a major player in the expansion of MetroLink to Belleville Area

College and beyond. It will play a key role in continued development of Gateway International Raceway in Madison, He said. "They have been a good friend to our area," Holbrook said. "They have been instrumental in bringing a number of jobs to this community, and I feel we owe this to them for their efforts to make this a better place to live." Rep. Ron Stephens and Sens. Frank Watson and Evelyn Bowles helped carry the legislation through the General Assembly.



## Open house

The Old Six Mile Museum, 3279 Maryville Road, has scheduled its 14th annual Spring Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. today, Sunday. The public is welcome to attend. Tours will be given, and refreshments will be served. For this year's Open House, curator Georgia Engelke has prepared a special exhibit of framed pictures that tells the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from its starting point in Wood River to the Pacific Ocean and back again to St. Louis. There are also miniature copies of animals and Indians that the explorers encountered along the way. Other exhibits include the actual property deed, pictured above on top of the organ at the museum, of the Niedringhaus brothers, when they first purchased land in the area.

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May 23 — Replacement of the U.S. flag, the POW/MIA flag and the five service flags at 10:30 a.m. at the Greater Granite City Area War Memorial Park in downtown across from St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

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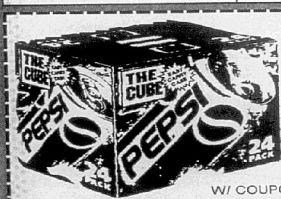
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# Obituaries

## Everett Nasalroad

EVERETT A. NASALROAD, 77, of Edwardsville, formerly of Madison, died Tuesday, May 12, 1998, in Madison, Mo. He was born Oct. 28, 1920, in Yale, Okla.

Mr. Nasalroad was owner of Ed's Lock and Key in Madison, was a member of the Tri-City Shrine Club in Granite City, Venice Social Club in Venice, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7451 in Madison, Tri-City Veterans Inc. in Granite City, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and AMVETS Post 204 in Madison, and was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Donna (Knight) Nasalroad; two sons, Nicholas Nasalroad of Pontoon Beach and James Nasalroad of Troy; two daughters, Linda Marcum of Edwardsville and Tammy Forrester of Pontoon Beach; one son, Pat James Nasalroad, one sister, Ruth Stevenson, and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah Nasalroad and Edith Nasalroad; one grandson, Alex Nasalroad, and one sister, Pat Buzia.

Services were Friday, May 15, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Tim Low officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## John Culpepper

JOHN W. CULPEPPER, 51, of Granite City died at 10:45 a.m. May 15, 1998.

Mr. Culpepper was born Sept. 16, 1946, in East St. Louis.

Survivors include his parents, James and Margaret (Helfinger) Culpepper; two sisters, Barbara Hamilton of Cahokia, and Darlene Gull of St. Louis; one son, Neil Culpepper of St. Louis; one daughter, Andrea Culpepper of Milladore.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James Culpepper Jr.

There will be no services; the remains are to be cremated.

A Thomas Mortuary handled the arrangements.

## Esther Kampen

ESTHER KAMPEN, 80, of O'Fallon died Wednesday, May 13, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Mrs. Kampen was born Nov. 18, 1917, in Owensville, Mo. She was a member of the O'Fallon United Church of Christ, Womens Guild was past choir member, and owner/operator of Western Auto Store in O'Fallon.

Survivors include her husband, Otto Kampen; one son, Mark Kampen of O'Fallon; two daughters, Patricia Sisk of Hampton, VA, and Douglas Kampen of O'Fallon; and Renee Kampen of O'Fallon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Ida (Distelkamp) Roethemeyer; four brothers, George, Walter, Elmer, and Herman Roethemeyer; and three sisters, Lydia Roethemeyer, Doris Beck, and Ella Murray.

Services were Friday, May 15, at the O'Fallon United Church of Christ with the Rev. Howard Tobak officiating. Burial was in St. James United Church of Christ Cemetery in Owensville, Mo.

Memorials may be made to the Holyton Children's Home or O'Fallon United Church of Christ.

Schildknacht Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## Edward Kofahl

EDWARD C. KOFALH, 76, of Granite City died May 12, 1998, at Edwardsville Care Center East in Edwardsville.

Mr. Kofahl was born June 11, 1921, in West Eminence, Mo. He was retired from Local 833 Carpenters Union as a carpenter. He was a member of the D.A.V. in Kansas

City, Mo., and a U.S. Marines veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Eva (Campbell) Kofahl; three sons, Terry Kofahl of Glen Carbon, Steven Kofahl of Granite City, and Edward "Chuck" Kofahl of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Dianna Palmer of Rockwall, Texas, and Vivian Hrysko of Collinsville; three sisters, Georgia Riffe of Perryville, Mo., and Betty Parks of Rockford; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Mary (Blake) Kofahl; and two brothers, James and William Kofahl.

The remains were donated to science; however, a memorial service will be held 7 p.m. Monday, May 18, at City Temple Church on Mayville Road in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the Truway Community Church, 4800 Truway Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

## Charles Brandt

CHARLES E. BRANDT, 72, of Granite City died Wednesday, May 13, 1998, at University Manor in Edwardsville.

Mr. Brandt was born Feb. 1, 1926, in Lancaster, Penn. He had been employed with St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Survivors include his daughter, Charlene Dykstra of Lusby, Mo.

Gravestone services will be 10 a.m. Monday, May 18, in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Thomas Mortuary handled the arrangements.

## Ruth Gibson

RUTH E. GIBSON, 68, of Granite City died May 13, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Gibson was born Feb. 1, 1930, in Granite City. She was a member of the Bethesda Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Rose Marie Ginn of Granite City; two brothers, Joe Zimmer of Utah, and Virgil Cook of St. Louis; two sons, both of Granite City, two grandchildren, Steven of Granite City, and Gregory of Virginia; and three great grandchildren, Justin, Katelynn, and Brandon, all of Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Gibson; and her sons, Elvy and Elmore (Mullins) Zimmer.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, May 17, at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, May 18, at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. Austin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

## Richard Neumann

RICHARD NEUMANN, 66, of Naperville, died Wednesday, May 13, 1998.

Mr. Neumann was born Sept. 15, 1931, in Granite City. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Neumann; daughters, Sue Ellen Stewart of Downers Grove, and Cindy Erikson of Naperville; two sons, Douglas Neumann and Kurt Neumann both of Naperville; six grandchildren, Kimberly and Courtney Erikson, and Anne-Marie Erikson, and Elmer and Christian Neumann; and brother, Elmer Neumann of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Vivian Neumann.

Services were Saturday, May 16, at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville, with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Landwehr officiating. Burial was in Naperville Cemetery.

Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home in Naperville.

# New Order was more than 'big talk'

## 2 defendants plead guilty, testify about group's plans

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writer

The New Order was more than just "big talk," two defendants in the government's case against the group said Thursday.

Ralph P. Bock, 28, of rural Jersey County, and Glenn L. Lowtharp, 50, of Rockford, pleaded guilty Thursday morning in federal court. Both men admitted to conspiring to obtain illegal weapons or destructive devices to sell or use in terrorist acts.

Bock and Lowtharp are co-defendants with Dennis M. McGiffen of Wood River and Wallace S. Weicherding of Salem. The government has said the four men plotted to buy and sell illegal weapons to pay for a campaign of violence and murder against Jews and blacks.

Bock and Lowtharp, who have been in jail without bond since Feb. 23, struck a deal Thursday with federal prosecutors.

The man agreed to plead guilty and admit his part in the conspiracy; in exchange, prosecutors will recommend a sentence at the low end of a possible range.

The government also promised not to prosecute further charges against Bock and Lowtharp. Lowtharp agreed to provide more information about undisclosed federal crimes.

Each man faces a maximum of 15 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines. Sentencing has been set for Aug. 26.

Bock admitted he intended to make pipe bombs with parts found at his home Feb. 23 during a raid by FBI and ATF agents. Lowtharp admitted he sold an illegal automatic AR-15 machine gun to McGiffen and Weicherding Nov. 8, 1997.

Bock said he tried to distance himself from the group in December 1997, when McGiffen and Weicherding allegedly began to plan murder, bombings of public buildings and poisoning of water supplies.

"To his credit, Mr. Bock tried to disassociate himself with the group," Smith told Judge Paul E. Riley.

Bock's attorney, Sam E. Poston of St. Louis, said Bock realized he was getting into trouble, but never told police about the conspiracy.

"He realized that these guys were nuts, and might actually go through with

some of this stuff," Poston said after the court hearing.

Bock's wife, Tracey, sat with a friend in the courtroom with tears in her eyes as her husband confessed.

"All I know is, he stopped hanging around with them before all this happened," she said after the hearing.

According to Bock's signed stipulation of facts, the "purpose of the New Order was to further the 'cause,' which was to form a military type group for the 'preservation of the white race.'"

Targets of the New Order included Morris Dees, head of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., a federal judge in Illinois, a businessman in Centralia and a black radio talk show host.

McGiffen also has pleaded guilty to possessing an illegal automatic weapon, but he denies the existence of the New Order and plans for terrorism.

Weicherding's pleaded not guilty. He was released from jail on \$10,000 cash bond Thursday for medical reasons and will undergo electronic monitoring at his home in the 2900 block of Nations Road in Salem.

# Ameritech deal will create a powerhouse

By Dan Brannan  
Telegraph managing editor

SBC Communications Inc. has agreed to purchase rival Ameritech Corp. for \$52 billion in what will be the second-largest merger in corporate history.

Ameritech services more than 300 customers in the Metro East area.

The deal, announced Monday, would create a powerhouse telecommunications company with operations in nearly every region of the country, likely to serve as a potent rival to AT&T Corp. and to WorldCom Inc. after its pending \$37 billion take over of MCI.

"Given the size and significance of the transaction, we expect close scrutiny but ultimate approval from regulatory bodies," said Edward E. Whitacre Jr., chairman and

chief executive officer of SBC.

Whitacre would remain as chairman and chief executive of SBC, the companies said. Ameritech CEO Richard Notebaert will remain as chairman and chief executive officer of Ameritech until the merger is complete.

Bill Fendergast, an Ameritech spokesman, said he anticipates it will take until mid-May, 1999, for the merger to be approved.

"This is good for the telecommunications industry," Fendergast said. "It breaks the regulatory logjam in the telecommunications industry. This will make a difference to the people who work for it and customers."

There will be more resources available to devote to customer service. It is important to note it will be business as usual until the merger is complete. It will go through regulatory

and anti-trust people, but I expect complete approval."

Ameritech believes the merger will accelerate and expand telecommunications competition by entering 30 U.S. markets outside its traditional 13-state local region so that the combined company will serve customers in all the top 50 markets in the nation.

"We will provide a competitive, integrated mix of local, long distance, Internet and high-speed data services providing more choices, new and improved services, more competitive prices and more convenience for millions of consumers, giving us the opportunity to create significant value for our shareholders," Whitacre said. "If regulators are looking for a truly potent way to jump-start competition, then approving this merger should be a clear decision."

The combination will be second only to the pending

\$82 billion merger of

Travelers Group Inc. and Citicorp. An SBC-Ameritech combination would give the combined company to be known as SBC 57 million phone lines, or nearly one-third of the nation's total.

By comparison, Bell Atlantic with operations along the East Coast, has 41 million phone lines.

SBC would be paying a premium over Ameritech's value of \$48.3 billion, based on Friday's closing stock price of \$43.875 a share. SBC Communications, formerly Southwestern Bell, has led the way in the telecommunications industry.

The company purchased San Francisco-based Pacific Telesis Group a year ago for \$16.5 billion and is working to complete its \$5 billion acquisition of Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. of Connecticut.

# Student is true to her school through 25 years

By Kimberly Haas  
Staff writer

Jan Miller first began her career in District 110 as a student.

Now, 25 years later, she's a third-grade teacher in the district.

Since she graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1972, Miller has been a full-time teacher in the district at Illini Elementary School.

"I enjoy coming to work every day. The staff is just wonderful and the parents are supportive," Miller said. Miller even did her student teaching at Illini, working side-by-side with a former third-grade teacher of hers.

"I had such good memories and I loved the teachers that I had," she said.

However, when Miller started college, she said she

didn't plan to go into the educational field.

"When I started college, I wanted to go into hotel management," Miller said, laughing.

She said she hasn't regretted her decision to change majors.

"I've got (the students)

for this time here and I want it to be a positive experience. I want them to want to be here," Miller

said. "I believe every student can succeed — you just have to find a way to approach it."

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# Riding stable gets state grant

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PHYSICIAN REFERRAL LINE



**By Kimberly Haas**  
Staff writer

The lane closure is necessary to construct a concrete pavement adjacent to the existing pavement. The new pavement is part of the loop ramp from northbound Illinois 159 to

westbound I-64.

The project is back on schedule following delays caused by construction problems and weather conditions. A retaining wall had to be built underneath the bridge to stabilize the land before construction could continue. The retaining wall has now been completed, Fahey said.

The loop ramp was originally scheduled for completion before the Christmas shopping season last year.

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surplus

"I believe we have to have some reform," Davis said. He also said ethics and campaign reform and an HMO patients bill of rights will also be major issues.

Holbrook agreed that tax relief would be addressed.

"It's been a fairly low-key, low productive session."

Holbrook said. "For our area we've done a lot of economic development issues."

That included the SWIDA quick-take, MidAmerica Airport and "substantial" highway improvements.

Two issues that need to be dealt with are methamphetamine labs and large-scale commercial hog farms.

Although hog farms have not been a major concern in the

Metro East, he said other states have been "decimated" by the operations.

"It's coming to us, and there are literally no restrictions," he said. "Other states are reacting to this and so are we."

"We've already broke four in the Metro East, including two in Belleville," he said. "It's a plague that's coming; we're doing some proactive legislation."

Both Holbrook and Davis were interviewed from the floor of the House. During the interview, legislators could be heard making speeches and arguing in the background.

A plaque was dedicated May 3 in honor of longtime library worker Carol Niepert Franklin, who died in 1997. The plaque is in the reading room of the library on Johnson Road. At right, Kathy Antoff leads the presentation in honor of Franklin. Pictured above, from left, are Kathy Antoff, Mary Margaret Smith, Scott, Jean Hileman, Pauline Schank, Judy Smith and Joan Roberts. Seated in front of the globe are Franklin's son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Cindy Franklin. Not pictured is Franklin's mother, Dorothy Niepert. Pauline Schank presented the library with the globe in Franklin's honor.

Shirley Valencia photos

By Sue Hurley  
For The Telegraph

**GRAFTON** — A boat that once transported military troops to and from the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower, was stolen late Monday night from its moorings at The Loading Dock restaurant and bar.

The blue whaling-type boat, owned by Ben and Trudi Allen of Alton, is about 40 years old. Employees of the bar noticed the rare boat was missing when they arrived at work Tuesday morning.

Grafton Police Chief Larry

Parks said several pumps on the Loading Dock's service barges were also disconnected during the theft. At least four barges had begun to take on water when police arrived Tuesday, but the pumps were quickly reengaged.

"We think someone went to vandalize the (Loading Dock) and thought it would be neat to untie the boat and let it drift," Parks said. "The two ropes that were tied to the boat had been undone. We checked the water to see if it had sunk around the docks, but we found

The Allens are offering \$1,000 reward for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those involved in the incident.

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
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Fred Kudelka celebrates a birthday May 22.  
Lynn and Mary Jane Nichols celebrate an anniversary May 22.  
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Bob Shipley celebrates a birthday May 23.  
Ron and Angie McGlawn celebrate an anniversary May 23.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

## Journal adopts a new look, renews local news emphasis

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The new design, however, is only part of the story. There also is a renewed emphasis on local news, coverage of events in your neighborhood, your local sports teams and the people who strive to make our communities better places to live. We're working hard to be at the meetings where decisions are made on local issues to provide advance notice of those decisions. But more importantly, we're working to provide the story behind the decisions of public officials. We're striving to go beyond the meeting itself and provide insight into the effects of those decisions.

Our commitment to youth sports has been strong — and will continue to be. Local amateur athletes are our stock in trade. Their exploits will continue to be the backbone of our sports section.

People pages, opinion pages, Today's Food, crime and

police reports, births, obituaries, weddings, engagements, community calendars, business stories, automotive news, local entertainment stories — these are the features we've been adding and refining in the Journal every week.

As you page through today's newspaper, we hope you like the new design and feel at home with the changes. In many ways, it's like a new coat of paint on the house. It's a new Journal alright, but it carries with it a renewed commitment to the community-minded spirit that decades of readers have come to know.

Let us know what you think about the new look, as well as the kinds of information you want in your Journal. You can write to me at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131, or E-mail a letter to westnews@primary.net

Dan Barger  
Editorial Director

## Forgiveness is a beautiful form of love

"I forgive you."

These may be three of the most important words you'll ever say. Because when you put wrongs behind you, your own life will be transformed.

Peter asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" He thought he was being more than generous, until he heard God's answer: "I tell you," the Lord said, "Not seven times but seventy times seven."

We can completely and totally forgive them. Like we want God to forgive us. Be the first to forgive a wrongdoing. Forgiveness is freedom and important to our own eternal happiness. Without it, life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.

"In suffering, one learns many things," wrote Charles Dickens. "that it is important not to be responsible for deliberately bringing pain into the lives of others — that without a willingness to forgive those who hurt us, it is not likely that our lives can go on in a meaningful manner."

To forgive is a characteristic of a strong individual. Mahatma Gandhi reminded us that "forgiveness is the virtue

### A New You



Catherine Galasso

of the brave." It is the key to deliverance, personal peace and contentment. It consoles and heals not just one person but all involved.

Letting go of a grudge can be one of the best things you can do for your health. Forgiveness is as good for the body as it is for the soul. Several studies have found that worrying about a wrongdoing has been linked to several health problems ranging from headaches to heart attacks. A deep-seated grudge can eat away at your peace of mind. Nursing a grievance, the kind that you harbor inside, can fester and harm your well-being. By forgiving, you short-circuit anger's poisonous power. So begin now to let go

of hostility, bitterness and wrath. Replace it with a new beginning and a clean slate.

The Bible says, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Defined in the American Heritage Dictionary the word "as" means to the same extent or degree; equally. Therefore, if we want to be forgiven, ask God to grant you the grace to forgive others as we want God to forgive us.

"Don't burn bridges" is a saying we all have heard that is proved to be so true. You'll be amazed how many times you will cross that same river again.

Forgiveness is a choice made freely. It is a gift we can give or withhold. And when it is offered to us, we can accept it or reject it. We can be free or remain in bondage.

There are occasions when we all need to be forgiven. Remember the times you have been forgiven of your faults. How good it is to be trusted again. This may help you be more tolerant of others.

Realize that people make mistakes, and try to accept their shortcomings. Focus on and look for their good qualities.

Step into the other person's shoes. Try to understand, from the individual's point of view, what makes him or her do the things that make you angry.

Communicate the problem. Express your concern calmly and honestly to the person involved. Then, look ahead to a clear, bright future and don't bring this situation up again. God has a sea of forgiveness into which he throws all of our sins when we confess them. On the shore of that sea is a sign that says, "No fishing." Forgive and forget.

Forgiveness shows that divine spark within us, for it is love. It is an act of faith and born out of concern for the well-being of others stemming from God's love for us. To forgive is one of the highest and most beautiful forms of love. Do not wait to forgive, for by forgiving, you become the master of your fate and the doer of miracles.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net

### Smoke detector program slated

In an effort to highlight the necessity to prevent tragedy, the Illinois Insurance Association, in conjunction with their Legislative Day, has launched a smoke detector safety awareness program by donating 2000 smoke detectors to the General Assembly for distribution to needy constituents.

The effort is intended to emphasize the need for smoke detectors in every home and business throughout the state. For more information call (217) 782-1018 or (618) 443-5757.

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## Charter school would be first in area

By Jason White  
Staff writer

The Cahokia Board of Education approved the Fort Bowman Academy Charter School proposal by one vote Wednesday, paving the way for the Metro East's first charter school. Educating for the Future, a non-profit group of local parents and residents, plans to open the school between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15. "I'm excited," group President Beth Peoples said. "It's going to be very interesting this summer."

"I think we're going to have people a lot more interested in the next few weeks," Peoples said.

Peoples praised the board for its decision. "It shows that our children aren't just dollar signs," she said.

The board approved a resolution that approves the charter proposal on the following conditions:

- That the school receive no more than 100 percent of the state funding allocated to each student per school year in the Cahokia District;

- That the school provide services for special education students;
  - That the budget be economically feasible;
  - That classroom space be acquired before the first day of school;
  - That the school have adequate liability insurance;
  - That the school set requirements for teachers;
  - That the school adopt a procedure for a lottery to determine enrollment if applications exceed available seats.
- A contract between the group and the school district must be sent to the Illinois State Board of Education within seven days for approval. "It means this group has their work cut out for them," said Paul Seibert of Charter Consultants, a division of Belleville private school Governor French Academy that helped the group develop its proposal.
- Board member Dee Reed said the proposal is unsound economically for the school and the district.

## Students learn computer technology

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for the district, said most of the teachers and staff have gone through the program.

"The response was so great we went \$17,000 over what we were budgeted," she said. "We didn't tell them the news."

Cox said the district was able to find some staff development funding to continue providing the classes.

"We've been booked every night," Cox said. "We've just about got everybody in Madison School District trained on Microsoft Office, and we've trained about 60 of our teachers on troubleshooting and maintenance."

She said the first thing the school did when it received nine new computers at Madison Middle School was hold the troubleshooting workshop.

"We totally tore the computer down to the motherboard, tore everything apart," she said. "We gave each teacher a tool kit and they learned how to fix their own computers to save money and time. The response has been unbelievable."

Rosie A. Fields, a third-grade teacher at Harris Elementary, said the class was very worthwhile.

"I had very limited skills about the computer; now I feel more adequate about using it," she said. "I teach the gifted and challenged students, and some of them are very good at it."

Fields said now she can at least keep up with some of her students.

"I think I can, and I think I can show them a few things," she said.

Glenn Harris, technology coordinator at Madison High School, said things were going "beautifully."

"This is the best thing since the lead pencil for these teachers," she said. "We have to have more and more skills all the time just to keep up with the kids. This is the only way for the teachers to really stay ahead of them."

Harris said the new computer skills will help teachers keep up with record keeping and book work in addition to using the computer for instruction.

"It makes their job easier," she said. "They can use it for

grade averaging, all sorts of things.

It will allow us to have things like presentations that are video activated," she added, saying there are more resources available than ever before.

Cox said using computers will help teachers communicate better with students.

"Communication is the answer," she said. "It's so necessary to get your ideas across; this is just another way of helping the student understand."

"We're trying to improve our test scores, we're trying to improve our ability to communicate with each other, we're trying to improve every facet of our curriculum by infusing technology into it," she said. "Every student we've worked with with computers has been able to improve. We see an unbelievable advantage of computers in education; the unfortunate part is we don't have enough money to do what we need to do."

"We're doing the most we can with what money we have; that means we just try to handle each problem as it comes along," she said.

## Lab will be open to community

Teachers and students are not the only ones who will

benefit from the new computer lab at Madison High School.

School officials plan to open the high school's computer lab for both students and adults in the evening. "Our plan is, this will be a community use lab," said Barb Cox, the district's technology coordinator.

She said residents will be able to use Microsoft and will have Internet access.

Superintendent Gary Allison said he expected the lab to be open for the community sometime in August.

In this year's budget we are budgeting to have it open 10 hours a week after school," he said. "We're going to start with Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m., and there will be staff available to help people learn how to do things."

Allison said residents would be able to do resumes and help their children with homework.

"I think it's great to give community members access so they can see the value of computers and have access to the Internet," he said.

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## Raceway seeks to improve traffic, parking

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On Thursday, KOOL/Toyota drivers will practice from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m., and again from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m.; Indy Light drivers will practice from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m.; CART drivers will practice from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and from 2:30 to 4:15 p.m.

The KOOL/Toyota Atlantics qualifying session will be from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

On Friday, Indy Light cars will practice from 9 to 9:40 a.m., and qualifying session will be from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. CART practice will be from 10 to 11:15 a.m. There will be a CART drivers' autograph session beginning at noon, and the CART/FedEx qualifying session will be from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.

The KOOL/Toyota Atlantics warm-up session will be from 1:30 to 1:45 p.m., and the race will run from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. On Saturday, the CART warm-up will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m., the Indy Light warm-up from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m., and pre-race ceremonies will begin at 11:15 a.m.

The Motorola 300 will begin at noon, and the Indy Lights race at 3:30.

Parking and traffic will be a major concern. This year's parking plan is very similar to last years, but with a few improvements and modifications.

Event staff and VIP parking will be located on the South parking lot on the raceway grounds. A limited number of handicapped parking spots on the grounds will be available. The Blue lot will again be located at the corner of Ohio Street and Old Madison Road, north of Gateway Truck Plaza. The red lot is located near the New Gateway National Golf Links north of the raceway along Illinois 203 and Canal Street. The green and yellow lots are located at the intersection of Illinois 203 and Big Bend Road.

A map and detailed instructions will be mailed to those who have pre-ordered parking for this year's major events. Those who come to the track without pre-ordered parking will be directed to the green lot.

Fans parking in the blue lot will be able to pick up a tram at the entrance to the parking lot. The tram will also pick up passengers who have crossed from the red lot over the Cahokia Canal onto the grounds. Fans parking in the green and yellow lots will be bussed directly to the drop off point at the north end of the grandstands.

To reach the correct parking lots, fans are being asked to follow specific routes.

Brown, blue, orange and handicapped — from the south, take the Poplar Street Bridge to Illinois 203. From the north, east and west take I-270, I-255, then I-255 to I-55/70 west from Collinsville.

Red — from the south and west, take I-70 to the McKinley Bridge. In Illinois, go down Broadway to Third Street in Madison, turn right on Third Street. At the intersection of Third Street and Illinois 203,

turn south toward the racetrack. From the north and east take I-270 and exit at Illinois 3, or 203, Illinois 111 off I-270, or Illinois 162 off I-255. Follow the signs to the raceway.

Green and yellow — From the south and west take either the Poplar Street Bridge and exit at Illinois 203, or take I-70 to the McKinley Bridge, to Third Street in Madison, then to Illinois 203. From the north

and west, go the McKinley Bridge route. From the north, west and east, take the I-270 route to Illinois 3, or 111, or I-255 to Illinois 162.

Fans can also park at the Casino Queen parking lot.

### Correction

Because of incorrect information provided to a reporter, an article in the April 1 Journal stated that Sauget Areas No. 1 and No. 2 are on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List.

According to an EPA spokesman, Area No. 1 has been proposed to the NPL and finalization is expected soon. Area No. 2 will be proposed to the NPL in the near future. An EPA news release had stated that the Sauget sites were on the NPL list.

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### Tax rate corrected

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dramatically, that would mean a decrease in income for municipalities relying on utility taxes. To correct the problem, the deregulation legislation includes formulas for converting the utility taxes to a usage-based proportional rate.

However, Illinois Power officials said in running numbers there are some cases where the change in the rate structure will affect the tax revenues. Factors such as a larger industrial or commercial base could create that situation.

Electric rates are expected to fall by 15 percent on Aug. 1, so municipalities have to have changes in place before then. For the proportional method Pontoon Beach will use, 60 days advance notice is required, giving the village until June to complete the ordinance.

In other business the Board approved spending \$735 so the Pontoon Beach Police Commission could join the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Association and attend a spring seminar by the organization set for May in Collinsville.



## A salute to 2 Legions

O'Fallon's tarp pays dividends; Stookey fields junior team

By Art Voellinger

Let's hear it for two local area American Legion posts. This corner recently noted how southwestern Illinois remains a baseball hotbed, and these items should do nothing but support that contention.

As the varsity baseball coach at O'Fallon High School, I no longer will be able to complain as much about spring rain. Thanks to the cost-sharing of O'Fallon Legion Post 137 and the high school board, Blazier Field in the O'Fallon Park now has a tarpaulin for its infield.

The 180-by-180-foot tarp already has saved a prep doubleheader that previously would have been washed out and should prove just as beneficial to the O'Fallon Legion teams.

Ad additional bonus is that should a host school find its diamond unplayable, the O'Fallon Park field (the one just off Route 50) now is always ready for a game.

On the high school level, Centralia and Mount Vernon were washed out at home and then came to O'Fallon rather than add a postponement.

Will having a tarp necessarily guarantee improved baseball talent in O'Fallon? That's difficult to say, but no one can deny teams using the field named after Danny Blazier, the deceased coach of the O'Fallon Legion teams whose baseball fund contributed to the cause.

Regardless of the quality of the Stookey Post 1255 Junior American Legion team that is heading into its first season this summer, the addition of another team should be looked at as another baseball boost for the area.

The Stookey Sting, whose home diamond is just behind the Stookey Legion Post off Eiler Road just outside of Belleville, is not a fly-by-night outfit.

The nucleus of the team has played together in Khoury League and a fall league baseball and has Jim Turner as a head coach.

While most Junior Legion teams feature sophomores and juniors in high school, the Stookey team will include several eighth-graders and freshmen. Turner, though, claims his players have been "competitive" against older teams.

The Sting will open their Legion season June 5 at Fairview Heights.

Regardless of the outcome of that game or any other during the season, the Stookey Post should be complimented for stepping forward to help youth.

My hope is that the commitment is a long one.

**Extra innings**

Who can blame youngsters with a goal of making the major leagues?

Southwestern Illinois products and their salaries in the major leagues include: Kirk Rueter, \$1.7 million; San Francisco, Gary Gaetti, St. Louis, \$1 million; T.J. Mathews, Oakland, \$315,000; Jason Lirio, Houston, New York Mets, \$220,000; Brent Brice, Arizona, \$190,000; Homer Bush, New York Yankees, \$178,900; and Diamond Stovall, Montreal, \$170,000.

That's reason enough to



T.L. Witt photo

Granite City pitcher Jessica Stratman pitched a complete game in the Lady Warriors' Southwestern Conference victory against Alton on Thursday.

## Warriors pick up two straight wins

GCHS slugs Cahokia, edges Alton

By Jason Sharp  
Correspondent

The Granite City girls softball team improved its record to 8-10 last week with two victories.

The Lady Warriors trounced Cahokia 18-1 Wednesday in a non-conference game and then topped Alton 5-2 in a Southwestern Conference battle.

"We've picked up the pace since the Cahokia Tournament," said Lady Warriors coach Deb Germann, whose team was 2-2 at the tournament and placed fourth. "We're playing a lot better softball and we're not making the errors that allow teams to have big innings against us. Our offense has really come alive."

In Wednesday's game against Cahokia, the Lady Warriors took advantage of seven errors by putting together six runs in the second inning and nine more runs in the third.

"I don't know what it is," Germann said. "We're just playing better. Jan Shanafelt is hitting .315 and has been slugging the ball for us lately. Natasha Douglas is hitting .318. Kerry Lasiter is hitting .304, and Robyn Slater is around .349. All of them have been hitting well. So has Jessica Redler. Right now our team's confidence and motivation is very high."

The Lady Warriors' dynamic offensive showing in Wednesday carried over to Thursday's game at Alton. Against the Redbirds, the timing of Granite City's hitting was more important than the volume.

Granite City was leading 1-0 in the top of the third inning when Douglas delivered a big two-out hit. She drove in two runs with a single up the middle.

"Those are the kind of hits we've been wanting to get all year," Germann said.

"We're playing a lot better softball and we're not making the errors that allow teams to have big innings against us."

Deb Germann  
Lady Warriors coach

"When we get hits like that, we give ourselves a chance."

Alton threatened in the seventh inning when it loaded the bases. But Lady Warriors pitcher Jessica Stratman struck out the final batter to end the threat.

For the game, she allowed seven hits, two walks and two runs — one earned. She struck out four while lifting her record to 6-9.

"Stratman is our No. 1 pitcher," Germann said. "She's been having shoulder problems lately but it hasn't seemed to bother her pitching. Even with the pain she's pitched very well."

In last week's Cahokia Tournament, Granite City upset third-seeded O'Fallon 9-6 and drubbed Quincy Notre Dame 11-0 before falling 3-2 to perennial power Belleville East (27-3).

Granite City's victories against Cahokia and Alton followed a pair of close losses early in the week. The Lady Warriors suffered a 3-0 loss early Monday to another perennial power, Belleville West, and they lost another one-run decision (4-3) to Belleville East on Tuesday.

"We want to ride this momentum right into the regional," Germann said. "I'm comfortable having to face Civic Memorial and Collinsville in the playoffs. We've done well against those teams in the past. I definitely like our odds."

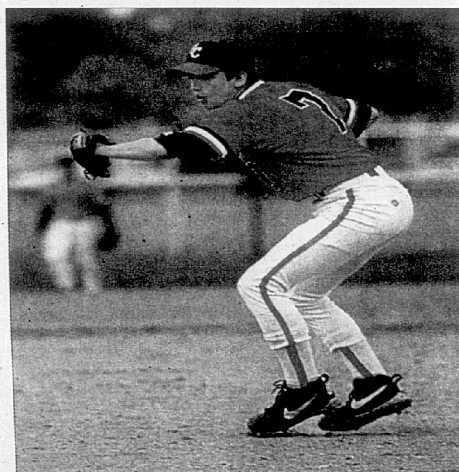


## Warriors show winning ways

The Granite City boys baseball team picked up another victory Thursday as Dustin Brewer shut out Alton. The victory, Granite City's seventh in eight games, pushed the Warriors' record to 13-12.

ABOVE: Brian Kamadulski, playing shortstop during the Warriors' game against Belleville East, digs a ground ball out of his glove to make the toss to second base to start a double play. Belleville East's Andy Schutzenhofer was forced out at second base to start the double play. AT RIGHT: Granite City second baseman Jason Acord cocks back to make the throw to first in a recent game.

John Frese  
photos



## Granite City climbs over .500 mark

Brewer blanks Alton as Warriors win 1-0

By Jason Sharp  
Correspondent

Strong pitching and aggressive baserunning were the key ingredients as the Granite City High School baseball team edged Alton 1-0 Thursday.

The Southwestern Conference matchup at Gordon Moore Park in Alton remained a scoreless pitchers' showdown between the Warriors' Dustin Brewer and Alton's Matt Gates until the fifth inning, when Granite City scratched out its run.

Elliot Dine led off the fifth inning rally with a bunt single. Ted Millas followed with a sacrifice bunt that advanced Dine to second base. Brian Kamadulski followed with a single past the shortstop that drove in Dine for the game's lone run.

The Warriors kept the threat alive in the inning when Thrust Murphy singled and Gates uncorked a wild pitch. But the Warriors' attempt to advance runners on a bunt from Jason Acord resulted in an inning-ending double play.

However, Brewer allowed the run to stand up as Granite City advanced to 13-12 overall and picked up its sixth win in the Southwestern Conference.

Brewer, a senior, picked up

his fifth victory of the season while recording his third shutout. It was his second shutout against Alton, a team he blanked on April 21. On Thursday, he allowed just two hits and three walks while striking out six.

"I felt pretty good on the mound today," Brewer said. "I didn't think I was overpowering anyone. I was throwing somewhere in the low 80s, just trying to work some spots that would wear the batters down."

Brewer went plenty of batters down. At one point, he retired 15 consecutive batters. "We need him to pitch well," Granite City coach Gus Lignoul said. "If we can limit the opposition to three quick outs with the kind of kids and pitching that we have, we'll be doing fine. We'll win a lot of games this way."

Matt Dornier had the only two Alton hits against Brewer. He singled in the first inning and singled again in the seventh.

"We weren't aggressive at all today," Alton coach Mike Bellam said. "We didn't put the ball in play. We were just beaten by classic baseball today. A positive for us was that Matt Gates threw a game. It's just a shame that we didn't score any runs to support him."

Gates allowed only five hits and one walk.

# Indoor ice rink opens in Fairview Heights

Facility is a reflection of hockey's popularity in the Metro East region

By Scott Marlon  
Staff writer

The Metro East hockey boom has officially arrived. The sport has been growing steadily in recent years, but interest and participation should reach a new level because of the U.S. Ice Sports Complex, located at 25 S. Ruby Lane in Fairview Heights. The complex — which has the same name and ownership as a facility in Chesterfield, Mo. — opened May 1 and celebrated its grand opening this weekend.

The new complex has two NHL-size rinks (200-by-85 feet). Prior to its opening, a facility in East Alton was the only indoor rink in the Metro East. Granite City and Cahokia have covered outdoor rinks.

"My kids have been hockey players since they were 7 and 8. We've played in St. Louis and we've played over here, so there's a lot of interest in the car," said J.D. Power, assistant operations manager for U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights. "My kids have been waiting for the day (when the Fairview Heights rink opened). My son Jason was one of two teenagers who broke ground here (last July)."

It will definitely help the high school hockey league (the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association). It's already expanded from six teams (who played in East Alton two years ago) to 15 last year to 20 this year. For eight of those teams, this will be their home rink (O'Fallon, Alhaff, Belleville East, Belleville West, Triad, Waterloo, Mascoutah and Freeburg). "St. Edwardsville (which had been playing at East Alton) will move their college program here. There have also been some inquiries from SLU (St. Louis University) about

some possible dates. This year, the high schools will be attempting to form girls hockey teams."

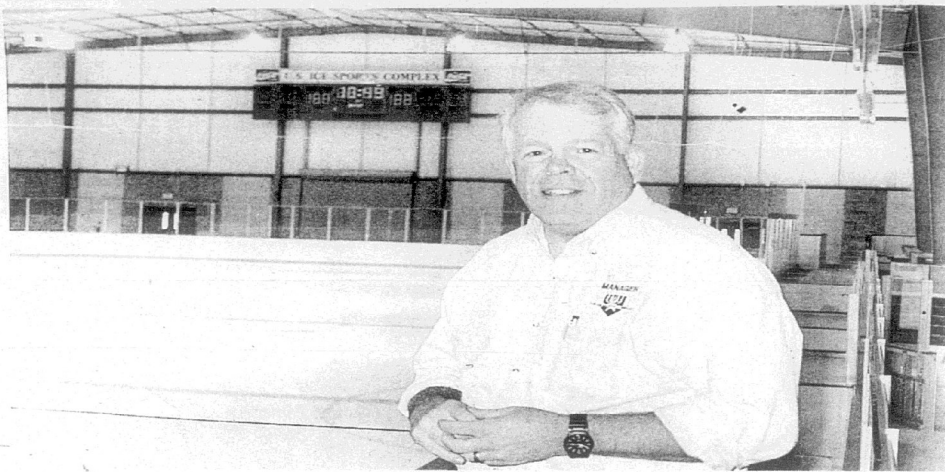
The Fairview Heights rink is one of several new facilities in the St. Louis area, but the demand for ice time remains high.

"There are 40-plus club teams in Missouri playing on the varsity and JV level and we're finally playing ice time with them," Power said. "Now there are five rinks (in the Metro East) with Cahokia, Granite City, East Alton and the two here. "Bill Misiak (head coach at SLU) is our hockey program director. He coordinates the men's leagues at the advanced, intermediate and beginners levels. All of them are no-checking leagues. He also coordinates our learn-to-play programs for youth, adults and women."

The complex will offer learn-to-skate and learn-to-play programs for aspiring female hockey players. "As a result of Team USA winning the gold medal at the Olympics, women's hockey has generated a lot of interest," Misiak said. "We eventually hope to form leagues for women of all ages. It's already been successful in the Chesterfield complex."

"The location of the Fairview Heights rink is in the hub of the metropolitan area," added Misiak, whose team played at East Alton the last two seasons. "There's something for everyone, from figure skating to skating for pleasure to hockey. Once the word gets out, we'll have more work than we can handle."

The rink should be a major recruiting tool for the SLU hockey program. The SLU hockey program is entering its third and final season as a club team on a probationary basis. The



J.D. Power is assistant manager of operations for the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights. The complex is celebrating its grand opening this week.

Cougars hope to move up to NCAA Division II or III status for the 1989-2000 season. "We had a fairly successful season (at SLU) and won our last six or seven games."

"We're finally starting to reap the benefits of the kids I taught in squirt or pee-wee. This fall we'll be playing schools like Eastern Michigan, Colorado State and Vanderbilt."

"If after next season, but it depends on how well we do this year. We're getting some of the top talent in the area, including the No. 1 player from Belleville West, John Stier. We're also getting the top players from O'Fallon, Alhaff and Cahokia."

"Kids are coming from as far as Rock Island for the value of the education. With the abundance of talent in this year, this school could become

a hockey power. That's because of the feeder system we're developing through the high schools."

In August, the U.S. Ice Sports Complex will play host to a week-long camp, the High School Elite Player Development Program.

"It's by invitation only or referral from coaches," Misiak said. "It's for players who want to go to the next level, whether it's college or the NHL. When you walk out the door, you'll know the game of hockey and have a plan for the future."

High school coaches are equally enthused about the new rink. "It will help our programs be even more successful," said Belleville East coach Mark McKinney. "It's closer, so more students will come out to watch our games. A lot of players from Belleville East,

Belleville West and Alhaff live less than five miles from the rink. A lot of grade school kids who haven't had the opportunity to play hockey will jump into the program there."

"Next year our league will be divided into four divisions: North, South, East and West. There will be two four-team divisions and two six-team divisions. We're trying to keep it as geographic as possible, but we're more concerned about the competitiveness of the league. Some schools don't have as many experienced players, and it's not fun losing 10-0 or 12-0. This will give them a chance to develop, and in a few more years we can all be back together."

Six high school teams — East, West, Alhaff, O'Fallon, Cahokia and Springfield — were scheduled to play Friday night and Sunday afternoon as

part of the rink's grand opening weekend.

"The new rink will help the youth organizations, which end up being the feeder programs that keep the high school teams going," said West coach Mike Morgan. "With two rinks and a nice facility, we'll have more time to work with the kids and develop their skill level."

"It will be nice to practice indoors when it's cold. There are nice sight lines to watch the game. It's fantastic for the fans."

"Some people thought (prep hockey in the Metro East) was a flash in the pan and it wouldn't last. But now our league has 20 teams and more and more kids are interested in the sport. Also, more people are interested in coming out to watch. It's really good hockey."

## Haven set for international baseball tournament

Dupo youth to play for Team USA in Netherlands

By Garen Vartanian  
Staff writer

At the tender age of 11, Andrew Haven already has compiled an impressive baseball resume.

**BASEBALL** Haven has played on two Dupo Khoury League state championship squads, one of which went on to capture a national title. During his career, which started around the age of six, Haven has hit below .400.

The standout catcher now can add another baseball accomplishment to his ledger. The Dupo native was one of 14 players from the St. Louis area selected by the St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association to represent the United States on Team USA in the Netherlands, July 23-31.

"I want to see what the food is going to be like," Andrew Haven said, laughing. "It's going to be fun. I want to go sight-seeing. That's going to be cool."

Haven was one of three boys from Illinois to make the unit. Shawn McBride of Waterloo and Cahokia's John Rayfield also are on the squad.

"It's not something that every kid will get to do," said Andrew's father, Joe Haven. "And I think a lot of times the baseball will become secondary on the trip. The excitement of seeing another country and meeting other kids, will probably become the

No. 1 priority actually."

Team USA will begin the trip by spending three days in Paris, France. The team then travels to the Netherlands, where they will stay at a Boy Scout camp with players from the other countries.

The boys will communicate by sign language at the camp and exchange gifts with their foreign counterparts.

"I keep telling him he ought to try and take some of his old baseball hats and make sure he can exchange a hat maybe for their hat," Joe Haven said. "It would be nice to end up having a couple of Japanese and something they'll always remember."

After a short stay in the camp, the boys break into pairs of two. They then alternate between various families, who house them from night to night.

"(I) want him to just see how other people live and the fact that he can experience another country and another culture and to know that people are different, but basically the same too ... and probably to find out that there's more to the world than Dupo right here," Joe Haven said. "You're sort of confined in your viewpoint of the world."

Around 40 children from the Metropolitan St. Louis area tried out for Team USA, with 14 of those making the team. Tryouts were conducted in October and November.

Actually, Joe Haven learned about the tryouts somewhat inadvertently. Haven spotted an ad looking for a baseball team interested in traveling to Australia.

He thought it was a tryout for individual players. Instead, the ad called for a complete team.

"So I thought maybe Andrew's team that he's playing with now ... maybe we could work it out where they all could go and play," Joe Haven said.

But that option was eliminated after Haven spoke with Team USA manager Andy Parnes.

"Andy called me one evening and was just explaining to me about going to Australia and what your team needs to be like and what the makeup should be to compete and everything," Joe Haven said. "I told him I wasn't sure if we could even raise that much money in time."

Before hanging up, however, Parnes began quizzing the elder Haven.

"He asked how old Andrew was and I said 11, Haven said. "Then he said they were getting a team together to play in the Netherlands. Then he said, 'What position does he play?'"

"I told him he plays catcher, and he goes 'If he'd like to come and try out ... because our catching's a little bit on the weak side.' So we went,

and the next thing you know, he called and said Andrew was on the team."

Team USA, made up of 11-year-olds, will compete against teams from Australia, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan and Spain, among others. All games will be played in the Netherlands. The squad will play six games, each against different teams. While Parnes is the Team USA manager, Jim and Andy Arrico will serve as coaches.

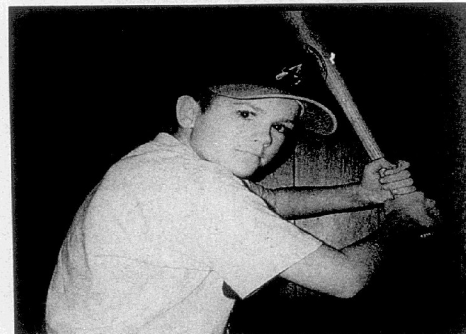
"Sometimes I think, just being 11-years-old, it's something that they may not totally be able to comprehend or appreciate at that age," Joe Haven said. "But I think once they're there, once they actually get a chance to see another country and experience another culture and just to meet other kids, I think will be something."

Andrew Haven, who has worked himself into the No. 1 catching position on Team USA, also is looking forward to the competition against foreign squads.

"I want to see how tough it is compared to over here," he said. "I think it's going to be a little bit tougher."

Joe Haven hopes he can travel abroad. "I want to go, most definitely," he said. "I want to go. And I wish we would be able to finance where everyone could go. We're working hard to make sure I can go."

A fifth-grader at Dupo Grade



Andrew Haven, 11, of Dupo, has already put together an impressive baseball resume. The catcher has played on two state championship Khoury teams, one that went on to win a national Khoury title.

School, Haven will begin playing junior high baseball next fall. He worked out with the junior high squad this year and just missed making the team.

In addition to his baseball accomplishments, Haven also has enjoyed soccer, playing soccer and football.

"He has had, in his young life, some great baseball experiences already," Joe Haven said. "And this is just another topser on everything

he's already done. This is another good thing for him."

Funds are still being raised for the trip. Haven has founded an organization, the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Aid Association for Lutherans, which has agreed to help with the fund-raising efforts by matching funds. Anyone interested in details can contact Joe Haven at 271-6440.

## Auto racing results

### BELLE-CLAIR SPEEDWAY RESULTS (May 8)

**LATE MODEL**  
First heat: 1. John Baur, 2. Aaron Klein, 3. Ron Jarrell.  
Second heat: 1. Jim Durbin, 2. Tim Ratajczyk, 3. Mark Faust.  
Third heat: 1. Jim Durbin, 2.

John Baur, 3. Aaron Klein.  
Feature: 1. Aaron Klein, 2. Kenny Schrader, 3. Mark Faust, 4. Marc McClintock, 5. Todd Rehg, 6. Brent Thompson.

**MODIFIED**  
First heat: 1. D.J. Cygan, 2. Joe Volluz, 3. Chris Soules.  
Second heat: 1. Wayne Down-

ing, 2. Marty Smith Sr., 3. Ray Wagner.  
Third heat: 1. Bob Martintoni, 2. Stu Springer, 3. Kenny Helmick.  
Dash: 1. D.J. Cygan, 2. Wayne Downing, 3. Bob Martintoni.

Semi-feature: 1. Tom Ratajczyk, 2. Todd Gault, 3. Scott Weber.  
Feature: 1. Wayne Downing, 2.

Stu Springer, 3. Bob Martintoni, 4. Kenny Helmick, 5. Bob Bittle, 6. D.J. Cygan.

**SPORTSMAN**  
First heat: 1. Paul Belken Jr., 2. Mark Benedick, 3. John Crouch.  
Second heat: 1. Marty Smith Jr., 2. Chris Gray, 3. Jim Mettelle.  
Third heat: 1. Roger Stryker, 2.

Bob Link, 3. Larry Howard.  
Dash: 1. Paul Belken Jr., 2. Marty Smith Jr., 3. Roger Stryker.

Semi-feature: 1. Bobby Mabon, 2. Mark Blanke, 3. Jim Gibson.  
Feature: 1. Marty Smith Jr., 2. Chris Gray, 3. Bob Link, 4. Roger Stryker, 5. Larry Howard, 6. Charles "Pee Wee" Morris.

**BOMBER**  
First heat: 1. Danny Hensenauer, 2. Sam Castiller, 3. Bob Capps.

Feature: 1. Danny Hensenauer, 2. Sam Castiller, 3. Bob Capps, 4. Brian Gibson, 5. Richard Crowell, 6. Ron McAntire.



## Warrior Pride Stride 5K set for June 13 at GCHS

The Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run and 2-mile walk is set for June 13 at Granite City High School.

The 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and the 2K event at 9:45 a.m. at the Fehling Road parking lot by the east entrance to the high school.

Registration fee is \$9 before June 6; \$11 on race day. T-shirts will be included for the first 300 entries.

The event benefits the Granite City High School track and field team.

For information, contact Richard Skirball at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL, 62040; or call 451-5808.

### Physicals offered

Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine will be offering physicals for athletes from Granite City and Collinsville high schools.

Cost is \$25 for the physicals which are good for one calendar year and are accepted by the Illinois High School Association.

For Granite City students, physicals are set for May 20-21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each day, in the physical medicine department at the Wolf Building, 2100 Madison Ave.

For information, contact Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3943.

## Local baseball players chase pro dreams

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explain why Richie Sauget and Fory Wells of Belleville will compete in independent pro leagues this summer.

Sauget, formerly a Chicago White Sox minor league

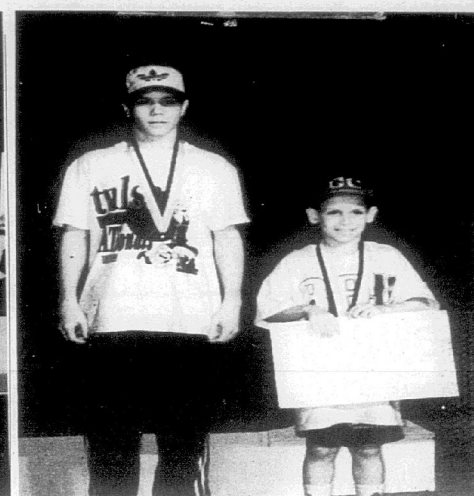
pitcher, will be with Johnstown (Pa.) of the Frontier League; and Wells, a former Colorado Rockies firstbaseman, will be with Fargo (N.D.) of the Northern League.

Among the players who graduated from the Northern League is Darryl Strawberry of the Yankees.



## Perry wins debut

Granite City kickboxer Frank Perry (left) won his amateur kickboxing debut on April 18 in Sullivan. He won by unanimous decision. Perry trains at Mitchell & McArthur Tae Kwon Do in Granite City. Above, Perry stands with instructor Ed Mitchell.



## Wrestling medalists

The Granite City wrestling club had a number of medalists at USA Nationals (April 3-4 in Topeka, Kan.) and the AAU Nationals (April 9-11 in the Pontiac, Mich., Silverdome). Tommy Tedesco (left) and Cory Nance (right) medaled at each tournament. Nance topped the field at both tournaments. The complete list of Granite City medalists and their places: At USA Nationals — Nance, first in 10-and-under boys 50 pounds; Troy Howell, second in 10-and-under 65 pounds; Jessie Chaulsett, third in 10-and-under 95 pounds; and Tedesco, sixth in 15-and-under 95 pounds; at AAU Nationals — Nance, first in 10-and-under 50 pounds; Tedesco, second in 15-and-under boys 95 pounds; and Erica Waggoner, first place in 15-and-under girls 119 pounds.

## Horse racing results

### FAIRMOUNT PARK THURSDAY RESULTS

**FIRST RACE**  
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$3,600. Yahaira (Garcia) 10.50, 4.20, 3.60; Delaney Gold (Pompeii) 3.60, 3.00; Western Schemi (Parker) 8.20; Time — 1:13.2.  
\$2 Exacta (8-3) PAID \$43.80.

**SECOND RACE**  
(6 furlongs) maidens purse \$5,000. Stewescomearunning (Rennie) 5.00, 2.80, 2.40; Blue Credit (Austin) 6.40, 3.00; Manoffhill (Kurek) 4.00; Time — 1:13.2.  
\$2 Exacta (7-5) PAID \$33.60.  
\$2 Trifecta (7-5-4) PAID \$294.40.  
\$2 Daily Double (8-7) PAID \$38.00.

**THIRD RACE**  
(6 furlongs) maidens purse \$5,000. Buzzard Road (Gail) 6.00, 3.20, 2.20; Zuppar-Go's Pride (Kurek) 4.80, 3.60; Lucky Siete (Pompeii) 2.10; Time — 1:14.4.

\$2 Exacta (5-2) PAID \$33.80.

\$2 Trifecta (5-2-3) PAID \$81.20.

**FOURTH RACE**  
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$5,200. Yukon Jody (Bibbey) 6.00, 5.00, 3.40; Campus Queen (Parker) 11.20, 5.80; Carla's Brazon (Gail) 5.60; Time — 1:13.  
\$2 Exacta (4-2) PAID \$54.60.

**FIFTH RACE**  
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$3,600. Seventeen Summers (Quinn) 8.00, 5.00, 3.20; Moon's Prospect (Pompeii) 8.00, 4.60; Carnival Colors (Rennie) 8.20; Time — 1:13.2.  
\$2 Exacta (8-9) PAID \$46.60.

**SIXTH RACE**  
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$6,400. Mr. Springfield (Bibbey) 5.80, 2.50, 2.10; Rainbow's Rally (Pompeii) 3.40, 2.40; Pie in Your Eye (Kurek) 2.20; Time — 1:11.  
\$2 Exacta (3-4) PAID \$28.50.

**SEVENTH RACE**  
(1 mile & 70 yards) claiming purse \$3,600. Vee Fib (Dunham) 5.00, 5.00, 3.60; Gold Deputy (Pompeii) 5.20, 3.40; Blue Splash Boy (Bibbey) 4.40; Time — 1:46.3.  
\$2 Exacta (10-4) PAID \$42.60.  
\$2 Trifecta (10-4-8) PAID \$172.80.

**EIGHTH RACE**  
(6 furlongs) allowance purse \$7,000. Cziee Does A Flip (Gail) 21.20, 5.80, 2.00; Marley's Toppin (Kurek) 2.60, 2.40; Moon-dust (Austin) 2.40; Scratch: Sue You Later; Time — 1:12.1.  
\$2 Exacta (5-8) PAID \$40.60.  
\$1 Pick 3 (3-10-5) PAID \$11.80.

**NINTH RACE**  
(6 furlongs) allowance purse \$6,200. Farewell Wish (Kurek) 4.20, 2.80, 2.80; Calypso Crown (Bibbey) 3.40, 3.80; Diamond Jasmine (Holloway) 10.00; Time — 1:14.1.  
\$2 Exacta (4-2) PAID \$19.40.  
\$2 Trifecta (4-2-3) PAID \$163.60.  
\$2 Late Double (5-4) PAID \$59.20.

\$1 Pick 6 (4-8-3-10-5-4) (6 of 6) PAID \$2,486.00.  
(5 of 6) PAID \$45.40.

**TENTH RACE**  
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$3,600. Nelson Avenue (Pompeii) 4.00, 3.00, 2.80; Lone Star Style (Campos) 3.80, 3.20; Billy Can (Austin) 4.60; Time — 1:14.  
\$2 Exacta (8-7) PAID \$16.60.  
\$2 Trifecta (8-7-2) PAID \$109.20.

## SIUE player, coach grab top honors in conference

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

The Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's baseball team had six players

capture all-conference honors. The Great Lakes Valley Conference released its list of honorees on the eve of NCAA Division II North Central Regional, which began Thursday at Roy Lee Field.

SIUE's Rob LaMarsh, a senior first baseman/pitcher, was named the GLVC's Player of the Year by a vote of the league's coaches. He entered the tournament with an 8-1 record on the mound. He has struck out a team-leading 75 batters in 67 innings of work. At the plate, he is hitting .353 with 10 home runs and 48 RBI.

Cox, an All-American pitcher last year at Edwardsville, is second on the team with 73 hits. Sievert, also of Edwardsville, is hitting .gates.

season as the Cougars coach, has guided the SIUE to a 33-13 record this season. His career record stands at 628-395-6.

Mark Briggs and Mike Robertson were named GLVC first team selections. Briggs, an outfielder, is currently hitting .311. He set new team records for all-time career hits (264) and runs batted in (184).

Robertson, who earned All-American honors last year at third base, moved to shortstop this season and is batting .400.

Jesse Bugger, Jason Sievert and Ryan Cox were named GLVC second-team members.

Bugger, a senior third baseman from Edwardsville, is second on the team with 73 hits. Sievert, also of Edwardsville, is hitting .gates.

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## Calendar

### Community

A nature/culture hike and dance performances highlight May activities at CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE.

A three-mile nature/culture hike through marsh, forest and open field will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 16 starting at the Interpretive Center. An archaeologist will discuss research and interpretation for the various archaeology sites along the trail, and a naturalist will describe the way plants encountered on the trail were used by American Indians for food, medicine and fiber. Participants should dress for the weather and bring something to drink if desired. The hike, which is free and open to the public, will be canceled if it is raining.

The Kahok Dancers, a nonnative group, will present five dance performances in the Interpretive Center auditorium at 2 and 3 p.m. May 24. Cahokia Landscapes, a native exhibit, will continue through the end of May. It features paintings of the site by landscape artist Marc Sova, and color and black and white photographs by Tom Miller of Collinsville and Pete Bostrom of Troy.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, is located off Interstates 55/70 and 255 and Illinois 111 in Collinsville Road. It is open daily free of charge, although a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is suggested. Call 346-5160 for more information or a 1998 calendar of events.

ALLIES presents the "Inflatarama" from 8 p.m. to midnight May 29 in the Granite City High School gym. The fun includes Somo suits, "pedastool" joust, a bungee run, an obstacle course, a Valspar wall and the moon bounce. Cost is \$5. Door prizes, CDs, T-shirts, and a chance to win one of three Sony Playstations.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 113 in Granite City plans two events to benefit veterans and the community. From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 22, the Legion holds its annual Poppy Drive at the Post, 1825 State St. A donation helps veterans and their families in need. The Legion next holds a barbecue starting at 11 a.m. on May 23 at the Post.

Fine art and traditional crafts handmade by Illinois artisans will be the highlight of the seventh annual FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS today at Rend Lake.

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### Music/concerts

THE GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND presents a Concert in the Park at 6 p.m. May 17 at the Centennial Pavilion in Wilson Park.

There will be no charge.

Conductors for the concert will be Butch Mettenmacher, Doug Clark and Roger Junk. Members of the band include amateur and professional musicians from Granite City and surrounding communities. For information call Linda at 931-0443 or Butch at 345-3075.

### Stage plays/musicals

SUMMER SHOWBIZ, the annual stock theater program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will offer two Broadway blockbusters for summer fare this year: Meredith Willson's beloved "The Music Man," and the magical musical "Brigadoon" by Lerner and Loewe.

"The Music Man" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. June 11-14 and 10-11, and at 2 p.m. June 21. "Brigadoon" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. July 9-12 and 18-19, and at 2 p.m. July 19. All performances are in SIUE's Communications Theater.

Willson's tribute to small-town life in the Midwest tells the story of the lovable con man Harold Hill, who comes to River City, Iowa, to make a fast buck by convincing the townspeople to join his ragtime children's band. However, he fails for the local piano teacher and finds that he can't go through with the swindle.

"Brigadoon" with its memorable score and lovely charm, is about two Americans who stumble on a magical town in the hills of Scotland, a town in which time and love bloom only once each 100 years. The two become caught up with the residents and the mythical makeup of the town and must decide whether to stay.

Tickets for each show are \$10, \$8 for senior citizens 65 and older, students and SIUE faculty and staff with valid ID. Tickets are available through the SIUE Fine Arts box office, call 692-2774.

## Ignition interlock plan praised

Secretary of State George H. Ryan recently commended the Illinois House Transportation Committee for approving legislation to expand an ignition interlock program that deters motorists from driving drunk.

The committee unanimously approved Senate Bill 1695, which now moves to the full House for consideration.

This program does more than just remove the drunk driver from the road," Ryan said. "In conjunction with counseling and treatment, it helps these drivers to control their alcoholism and keeps everyone safe."

Ignition interlock devices are electronic breath alcohol monitors connected to the ignition system of a car. SB 1695 would make the current pilot program permanent and increase the number of eligible participants by allowing the ignition interlock program to be used by offenders before they are convicted of a third or fourth DUI offense, which currently is an automatic qualification for the pilot program.

Under the bill, the program eligibility requirements would be modified to include drivers who have at least two DUI offenses. The driver would have to have one DUI with a blood alcohol content level of 16 percent or greater and the previous DUI must have occurred within the last 10 years.

Since June 1994, there have been 2,114 restricted driving permits issued under the program with the majority of drivers using the device for one year.

The three-year pilot program included only serious repeat offenders. The majority of participants had a minimum of three DUIs. The pilot program proved to be effective in reducing the number of DUIs by serious repeat offenders by

59 percent during and after the installation of the device.

SB 1695 is sponsored in the House by Reps. Art Tenhouse, R-Quincy; Renee Kosel, R-New Lenox; Jack McGuire, D-Joliet; and Michael Boland, D-Rock Island. The bill was sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Dick Klemm, R-Crystal Lake; Senate President James "Pat" Philip, R-Wood Dale; and Sen. Debbie Halvorson, R-Chicago Heights.

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Class of 1968 is looking for alumni for its 30-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 26 at Airport Marriott Hotel in St. Louis.

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Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled July 18 at Joe Hanon's.

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Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 8 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza in St. Louis.

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Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 15 at the St. Louis Marriott West.

### LADUE HORTON WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 15 at the Junior League of St. Louis.

### LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled July 18 at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Chesterfield.

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Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled July 18 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza in St. Louis.

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Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Oct. 16 at the Holiday Southwest and Viking Conference Center in St. Louis.

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Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled July 18 at Orlando Gardens on Hoffmeister.

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Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 1 at the Junior League of St. Louis.

### PARKWAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 8 at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel in St. Louis.

### PARKWAY SOUTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Classes of 1977-1979 are looking for alumni for their combined reunion, scheduled Oct. 3 at the Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center in Chesterfield.

### PARKWAY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 19 at Harrah's Hotel in St. Louis.

### PATTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 28 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza in St. Louis.

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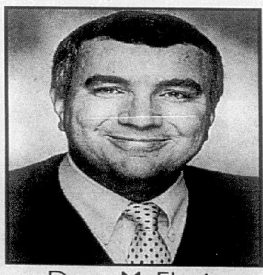
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The two-evening seminar will focus on safely preparing, storing and serving food for public consumption and will include a take-home manual and refreshments. Cost for the seminar is \$10 for the first person from an organization and \$5 for each additional person.



# New area codes could split St. Louis area

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By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

Get ready for some finger exercise. Later this year, it may take three extra pushes on a push-button telephone to make a call from Crestwood to Fenton, Oakville to Arnold or Des Peres to Manchester.

Under options being studied by Missouri's Public Service Commission (PSC), St. Louis area callers will have to dial three extra digits for many or even all calls they now consider local.

In one proposal to create an "overlay" area code, a call down the street or even to a

different telephone in the same house could mean punching a different area code.

"You could possibly have a situation where your neighbor or the neighbor across the street has a different area code than you do," said PSC spokesman Kevin Kelly.

Faced with a shortage of available telephone numbers in the 314 area code, the PSC will decide how to create new numbers by splitting the St. Louis area into two or even three area codes.

According to a committee

report, a new area code will be needed in the St. Louis metropolitan area in the second quarter of 1999. The increasing popularity of faxes, pagers, cellular telephones and new lines make the changes necessary.

Following hearings earlier this year, the PSC started the final stages of deliberations in a meeting May 14 in Jefferson City.

The PSC must make a decision by the end of the summer to allow for a transition dialing period. In

that period, people will be allowed to dial the old way or the new way, and calls still will go through. After that, they would have to dial the new way.

The PSC set a six-month transition period when it broke rural areas off of the 314 code into the 573 code in 1996. The PSC also set a six-month transition after it split rural parts of the Kansas City area code 816 into a new 660 code last year.

Although people would have to dial the area code for some or all of their local calls, the calls would remain free regardless of whether an overlay option or a geographic split option is adopted.

"Basic local rates, long distance rates are not affected by an area code split," Kelly said. Callers would not have to dial "1" at the beginning unless they are placing a toll call.

Under an overlay option, new telephone numbers created in the 314 area would have a different area code. Everyone would have to dial 10 digits, including the three-digit area code. Most parties in testimony before the PSC favored that option, including the PSC staff, Kelly said.

"Splitting a local calling scope causes all kinds of problems," said Ben Childers, an economist in the PSC's telecommunications department, speaking for the PSC staff.

In testimony before the PSC, MCI and the state Office of the Public Counsel — which represent state residents before the PSC — recommended a geographic split, Kelly said. Only the Office of the Public Counsel recommended specific boundaries.

The Office of the Public Counsel proposes that St. Louis city and most of St. Louis County would keep the 314 code.

Parts of west and southwest St. Louis County and all other counties in the current 314 code would be in a second code. In St. Louis County, the Chesterfield, Manchester, Valley Park, Fenton, Pond and Eureka areas would have the new area code.

According to a Journal analysis of the Office of the Public Counsel proposal, the boundary line generally would be the Meramec River to Valley Park. Then it would follow a line northwest between Interstate 270 and Highway 141.

The line roughly meets the Hwy. 141-Interstate 64 (Highway 40) interchange, goes to the Missouri River, and follows the Missouri to the Mississippi.

The Office of the Public Counsel contends a geographic split would be less confusing than an overlay of a new area code.

"Overlays would require 10-digit dialing for each and every call placed," said Barbara A. Meisenheimer, a public utility economist for the Office of Public Counsel.

Meisenheimer also said overlays would stigmatize new businesses and residences getting the new area code, as well as new service providers. Also, they would cause confusion between long distance and local calls, she said.

"Considering all the pros and cons, it seems to make the most sense to implement an overlay in the St. Louis area," said a statement by Southwestern Bell.

Southwestern Bell is technologically capable of implementing a new code by whatever means is directed by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

## Split may be confusing

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

A proposal to split west and southwest St. Louis County into a separate area code could be confusing, the St. Louis County councilman who represents that area says.

Councilman Greg Quinn, R-7th Dist., said he prefers making St. Louis County and St. Louis city one area code and putting other counties into another.

"This would be putting in excess of 100,000 people in St. Louis County in a different area code," Quinn said. "There is no dividing line by what is commonly known by the great majority of the people."

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A health problem will improve. You might be tempted to play detective when a friend behaves in a mysterious fashion. Standing on ceremony could delay a romantic success.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Allow yourself time and space to determine the way you will



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let too much time go by before responding to an advance. Your mood could captivate a room full of people. Lovers are Libras.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Keep your eyes sharp, as opportunities could appear suddenly, and timing will be important. Clinching a major deal is amazingly easy. Compatible points of view might come together to build a profitable enterprise.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Maintain an attitude of confidence. A mix-up or coincidence might bring you face to face with someone you have wanted to confront for months. An angry love could try to give you a taste of your own medicine.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 17). It's time to celebrate now! Job opportunities are all

around you in late summer. Take advantage of the increased attention to ask for a raise. You just might get it! Your best signs for love are Pisces and Capricorn. You could marry during November or January. Your lucky numbers are 25, 26, 31, 32 and 52.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ordinary circumstances hold extraordinary potential. Be friendly. You could find instant harmony with someone on the first time you meet. Curb impatience for people who view life from a totally different perspective.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are attracted to someone you have never considered your type. A minimum of effort might accomplish the maximum amount of work. Cooperative people around

you make it easy to concentrate on goals.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An important introduction helps business right away. So dress your best. Circumstances could test your loyalty or that of another. Dreams and hunches are worth investigating.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today, you could find love that lasts a lifetime. Pursue someone who once pursued you. A fear of commitment vanishes completely. A creative undertaking goes from the idea stage into active production.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Limit the number of people you ask for advice, as too many opinions can cause emotional congestion. You know what you're going to do

already. A matter of principle could cause a delay.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friends take you by surprise. Learn something you want to know right away. Ups and downs might be the order of the day, but things level off by evening. Avoid speculation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Property thought to have little value could suddenly become important. A blend of old and new makes an inviting atmosphere. Out-of-the-way spots are just right for a heart-to-heart talk.

## 'Quest' yields progressive look at Camelot

By Susan Canada  
Staff writer

Medieval women don't usually strike up a feminist image for most people. In "Quest for Camelot," young Kayley (voice of Jessalyn Gilsig, singing voice of Andrea Corr) one of the Knights of the Roundtable's daughter, gets the opportunity to be a woman of action in King Arthur's kingdom.

"Quest for Camelot" conveys the sense of respect, security and stability the Knights of the Roundtable provided Camelot's citizens. Kayley's world seems to wilt when her father, one of those knights, dies. She longs to be a knight herself, but chances lose very slim for her to be anything but a lady. Thankfully, the writers didn't labor this point. It is maddening when the young woman in a movie is beaten over the head with the fact that she is a second-class

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citizen (i.e. Rose in "Titanic").

Kayley gets the chance to help save Camelot when Ruber (voice of Gary Oldman), a black sheep in the family of the Knights of the Roundtable, attempts to dethrone King Arthur (voice of Pierce Brosnan).

As bad guys go, Ruber is one of the fiercest, ugliest animated ones to come along recently. His crooked nails made even young audience members cringe.

The Arthurian legends have typically spent a great deal of time devoted to Merlin and his magic. The magical potions, spells, elixirs and mythical creatures are aspects of the stories that readers and viewers have been most attracted to through the years.

This holds true in this

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version, directed by Frederik Du Chau and produced by those wily Warner Bros. Studios animators, though Merlin (voice of Sir John Gielgud) is a minor player in this tale.

The two-headed dragon, Devon and Cornwall (voices of Eric Idle and Don Rickles), which can't breathe fire or fly, is the bumbling, lovable character every animated movie must have these days. This creature sends a moral message to those kids old enough — if you work together, you can accomplish what you wish. Too bad many in the audience were too young to notice.

Ruber's

magic-potion-produced monsters were very imaginative with appendages of armor and swiveling blades of steel. The "ooohs" and "aaahs" emitted by the young, male members of the audience suggest a great toy line.

The strong female lead still gets a love interest, Garrett,

(voice of Cary Elwes, singing voice of Bryan White). He is blind but helps Kayley see more than the obvious.

The music is not particularly engaging, but one hardly notices while the wondrous fantastic forest plants, which also act as helicopters and stepstools, and the antics of Devon and Cornwall.

"Quest for Camelot" is a nice introduction for young children into the mystical world of King Arthur and the knights, with a lot of imagination-sparking images.

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Film timetable for Sunday, May 17. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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**EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA**  
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390  
Blues Brothers 2000 (PG-13) 2:00, 7:15, 9:50  
Replacement Killers (R) 2:15, 7:30, 9:50  
Meet The Deedies (PG) 2:30, 7:00, 9:15

**NAMEOKI CINEMA**  
30 Nameoki Village, 877-8630  
The Odd Couple 2 (PG-13) 2:00, 6:15  
Object Of My Affection (R) 2:15, 7:45

**ROXANA CINE THEATER**  
Roxana, Ill., 254-8746  
Titanic (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00

**SHOWCASE**  
**12 EDWARDSVILLE**  
6632 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469  
Deep Impact (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45  
Quest For Camelot (G) 12:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45  
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 12:15, 3:45, 7:15  
The Horse Whisperer (PG-13) 1:15, 4:45, 8:15  
Players Club (R) 1:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00  
Lost In Space (PG-13) 12:40, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10  
Titanic (PG-13) 12:00, 4:05, 8:20  
Les Miserables (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15  
Deep Impact (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:15  
Object Of My Affection (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 10:00  
Paulie (PG) 2:10, 4:25, 6:30  
The Apostle (PG-13) 6:30  
City Of Angels (PG-13) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

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Matinee - Sat/Sun 12:30  
City Of Angels (PG-13)  
DAILY 4:30, 7:30, 9:45  
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He Got Game (R)  
Fri/Sat 5:00, 8:15 Sat/Sun Mat 2:10  
City Of Angels (PG-13)  
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## Sports

# Belleville East wins conference crown

## Lancers capture 4 events, place 1-2 in triple jump en route to championship

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

For the first time since 1993, the Belleville East girls are the Southwestern Conference track and field champions.

**GIRLS TRACK**  
East won four events en route to winning the SWC meet, May 7 at Collinsville. The Lancers had 143 team points to finish ahead of Belleville West (118) and Edwardsville (102). "We were first and second in the triple jump at the end of the meet, and that was a big plus for us," East coach Dick Hays said. Kim Saul and Shelly Hammond, who had

respective jumps of 32 feet 6 inches and 32-3. "We were second in the high jump (Hammond at 4-10) and first and third in the two-mile (3,200 meters, with Kristel Adler at 12 minutes 21 seconds and Katie Lanus at 12:52). Abbey Perez and Kristel finished second and third in the mile (1:60)." "You can't take away a 25.6 (time) in the 200 and replace it with a 27, but I'm doing the best I can," Hays said.

The Lancers competed without one of its best runners, Andrea Sy, who dislocated her left shoulder in the St. Clair County girls meet April 29 at East St. Louis. "We can't take away a 25.6 (time) in the 200 and replace it with a 27, but I'm doing the best I can," Hays said. East's Lakisha Johnson was



Scott Marion photo

The Belleville East girls track team captured the Southwestern Conference meet for the first time since 1993. The Lancers scored 143 points to beat out Belleville West's 118.

a two-event champion in the conference meet, winning the 100 dash (12.8) and the 400 (1:02). Tarra Reynolds placed

second in the shot out and discus. The Lancers also placed second in the 800 medley relay, 4x100 relay and

4x200 relay. On Friday, the Lancers were scheduled to compete in the sectional meet at Alton.

The girls Class AA state meet is Friday and Saturday at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

## Freeburg sweeps Cahokia Conference championships for boys, girls

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

For years, Freeburg High has been the team to beat in Cahokia Conference track and field, and 1998 is no exception.

**PREP TRACK**  
On May 7 at Breese Central, the Midgets won the conference girls meet for the ninth consecutive season. On Thursday at Red Bud, Freeburg won its 11th straight boys league title.

"The girls did an outstanding job," said coach Wayne Wiseman. "Of 90 possible points in the field events, we got 84. You can't do much better than that."

"As usual, Freeburg's success is a combination of depth and talent. "The numbers fluctuate, but we have somewhere between 90 and 100 kids in the program," Wiseman said. "We have a lot of people to choose from and they push each other pretty hard. We have a core of top-notch older kids, but we also have a core of younger kids coming up to keep things going."

"Two of our best kids are (senior) Ryan Calvert and (junior) Greg Haas. Haas is one of our fastest kids and he anchors our sprint relays. He's a terrific quarter-miler and long jumper. I don't know if I've showcased him enough this year."

"Ryan Calvert is one of the best track athletes in the area. He ran a 1:58.5 (800 meters) at the (St. Clair) county meet. He's a 4:40 miler and a 52 (second) quarter-miler. You can tell when he steps on the track who's in control."

Freeburg's boys team is solid in nearly every event. "Jon Dix and David Stein are pretty good in

the pole vault and Calvert and Haas have a chance to win whatever event we put them in," Wiseman said. "(Sophomore) Aaron Bowlin and (senior) Mike Ahlers have done a great job in the sprint relays. We're also strong in the high jump with Dix. Brian Spacher and Haas anchor all our sprint relays, and Haas is really a burner."

"We have a couple field people I look for good things from, including (sophomore) Matt Wilke. We've got Adam Luechtefeld and Adam Schaefer in the shot (put) and discus and Justin Stock in the long jump and triple jump. "These guys have scored a lot of points this year. But the thing that's best for us is that we always got some surprises somewhere along the line."

Freeburg's girls team, which was scheduled to compete in last Friday's Class A sectional meet at Chester, is equally talented. "Senior" Randle is one of our best distance runners and she's also our scholar-athlete," Wiseman said. "Jodi Luechtefeld has emerged as a terrific shot putter, and she did it with a foot we thought was broken. She still limps on it."

"Allison Randle is our best triple jumper. She's also a good long jumper and she runs on our sprint relays. She's the leading point scorer for our team."

"Our sprint relays — Randle, Amber Tinney, Carrie Boeving, Nikki Taylor and Lindsay Bruno — have a shot (to qualify for state) at the sectional. Our 4 x 800 relay also has a chance, with Allison Louthen, Jessica Kreher, Amanda Uhl and either Jenny Bauer or Barb Bennett. We also have a shot with Abbey Skær in the discus."



Scott Marion photo

Top performers for the Freeburg track team are (from left to right): In front — Nikki Taylor, Carrie Boeving, Allison Randle and Lauren Schaefer; Middle — Amber Tinney, Lindsay Bruno, Jodi Luechtefeld and Abbey Skær; In back — Greg Haas, Ryan Calvert, Jon Dix, Justin Stock and Mike Ahlers.

The girls state meet is Friday and Saturday at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The boys sectional is Friday in Chester, with the state meet set for May 29-30 at Charleston.

## Boys Track Results

### SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE MEET (May 8)

#### Team Results

1. East St. Louis 184, 2. Belleville East 126, 3. Edwardsville 99, 4. Granite City 59, Collinsville 38, Belleville West 31, Alton 12.

#### Individual results

**Discus** — 1. Damien McCottrill (ESTL) 166, 2. Richard Bowens (Edw) 158, 3. Brandon Moton (ESTL) 146, 4. Joe Bovis (Edw) 133, 5. D'Marcus Anderson (Coll) 124, 6. Nathan York (Coll) 122.

**Shot put** — 1. Damien McCottrill (ESTL) 45-0, 2. Richard Bowens (Edw) 61-4, 3. Nathan York (Coll) 47-10, 4. Brandon Moton (ESTL) 47-5, 5. Joe Bovis (Edw) 46-7, 6. Travis Schwarz (Coll) 45-4.

**High jump** — 1. Quincy Jackson (BE) 5-2, 2. Devrice Johnson (ESTL) 5-0, 3. Dustin Doyle (Coll) 5-10, 4. Scott Kourman (BW) 5-10, 5. Crosby (BE) 5-10, 6. Dru Luckey (ESTL) 5-5.

**Pole vault** — 1. Brumfield (BE) 10-0, 2. Brandon Schake (Edw) 10-0, 3. Justin Roundcount (Edw) 9-5, 4. Beckett (BE) 8-8.

**Long jump** — 1. Quincy Jackson (BE) 21-10, 2. Isbell (BE) 21-6, 3. Carlos Leonard (Edw) 21-3, 4. Darwin Jones (ESTL) 20-7, 5. Adam Snyder (Alton) 20-5, 6. Ronald Able (ESTL) 18-10.

**100** — 1. Datar Anderson (ESTL) 10-8, 2. Marcus Lee (ESTL) 10-8, 3. Adam Snyder (Alton) 11-0, 4. Jay (BE) 11-10, 5. Justin Smith (GC) 11-30, 6. Monte Cozart (Edw) 11-40.

**110 high hurdles** — 1. Jermaine Jones (BE) 14-00, 2. Devrice Johnson (ESTL) 14-80, 3. Darwin Jones (ESTL) 15-20, 4. Steven Schroeder (GC) 15-7, 5. Ryan Moneymaker (GC) 16-1, 6. D.J. McClean (Edw) 16-9.

**3200 relay** — 1. East St. Louis 9:21, 2. Edw 9:14, 3. Belleville East 9:36, 4. Belleville West 9:38, 5. Belleville East

9:26.

**400 relay** — 1. East St. Louis 4:25, 2. Belleville East 4:40, 3. Granite City 4:45, 4. Belleville West 4:53, 5. Collinsville 4:71.

**800** — 1. Peter Maag (Edw) 10:19, 2. Mara Gladstein (BE) 10:21, 3. Andy Bratten (Edw) 10:23, 4. Mike Billings (BW) 10:24, 5. Travaughn Gathling (ESTL) 6. Zach File (BW) 11:29.

**1600** — 1. Datar Anderson (ESTL) 49:2, 2. Marcus Lee (ESTL) 49:6, 3. Jay (BE) 51:7, 4. (Unl) Abe Christian (Edw) and Carl Moulton (GC) 53:8, 5. Joe Pashea (Coll) 53:8.

**3200** — 1. Shawn Davis (Edw) 4:27, 2. Pat Rodman (BW) 4:39, 3. Richard Bowens (Edw) 4:40, 4. Alexander (ESTL) 4:41, 5. Travaughn Gathling (ESTL) 4:42, 6. Jason Halslar (Coll) 4:50.

**800 relay** — 1. East St. Louis 1:32, 2. Granite City 1:33, 3. Belleville East 1:33, 4. Belleville West 1:33, 5. Edwardsville 1:44.

**1600** — 1. Jermaine Jones (BE) 1:59, 2. Philip Griggs (ESTL) 2:02, 3. Kevin Atkins (GC) 2:05, 4. Datar Anderson (ESTL) 2:06, 5. Matt Wallace (Edw) 2:07, 6. Rich Seiball (GC) 2:07.

**300 hurdles** — 1. Jermaine Jones (BE) 38:3, 2. Devrice Johnson (ESTL) 39:3, 3. John Kinachner (Coll) 41:7, 4. Steve Schroeder (GC) 41:8, 5. Demetric Hill (BW) 42:5, 6. Hard (Unl) 43:8.

**400** — 1. Datar Anderson (ESTL) 1:22, 2. Marcus Lee (ESTL) 1:22, 3. Joe Pashea (Coll) 2:0, 4. Adam Snyder (Alton) 23:2, 5. Damarcus Coates (Edw) 23:7, 6. Justin Smith (GC) 23:8.

**Triple jump** — 1. Carlos Leonard (Edw) 49:2, 2. Isbell (BE) 42:10, 3. Dru Luckey (ESTL) 42:9, 4. Earl (Coll) 40:2, 5. Carl Moulton (GC) 39:0, 6. Aaron (BE) 39:10.

**1600 relay** — 1. Belleville East 3:24, 2. East St. Louis 3:24, 3. Collinsville 3:31, 4. Granite City 3:36, 5. Edwardsville 3:40.

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

One of the best soccer players in the history of Belleville West High School is ready to make his mark at the next

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level. Chris Norbet, a senior, has decided to attend Davidson College, an NCAA Division I school in Davidson, N.C.

Norbet said, "It's in the Southern Conference, which includes schools like Furman, the College of Charleston, North Carolina-Greensboro and Appalachian State."

"I made my first there last July, when I went to a soccer camp at Furman. We drove through Davidson. I went there again for a soccer visit in February and went back April 17-18 to interview for an academic scholarship. It's mainly for academics, but also for activities, and soccer is a big part of my activities."

"I very seriously considered the University of Richmond, and at the end I had narrowed it down to Richmond and

Davidson. I also considered Holy Cross, Vanderbilt and the Air Force Academy. It pretty much came down to money. Davidson costs \$27,500 a year and I'm getting a full ride."

Norbet was one of just 25 students named to the fifth annual Illinois High School Association all-academic team. He is involved in numerous school activities and is ranked second in a class of 493 students with a 5.11 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. He looks forward to the challenge Davidson offers, both academically and athletically.

"Davidson only has 1,600 students, so it's amazing they can compete at all on the Division I level," Norbet said.

"They have just 1.5 scholarships for soccer and all the major schools have 10. They play schools like North Carolina, South Carolina, UCLA, Duke and Wake Forest — all the best programs in the country."

"They beat North Carolina and Wake Forest 2-0 last year, and they're competitive every year. That says a lot about their coach (Charlie Slagle) and their players. He gets the most out of everybody."

"It also impressed me that Davidson is a very high-quality academic institution. It's also a really friendly campus — it seems like everyone knows each other. It's all undergraduate, so the teachers are all professors. They took the time out of their schedule to meet me as a prospective



### PUMA

Belleville West senior Chris Norbet was named to the all-state academic squad.

"(Slagle) said if I come in in shape and ready to play, I can challenge for a starting spot," Norbet said. "They're a young team. They lost only two seniors and they were both strikers, so that fits right in my boat. The rest of the starters are all sophomores and juniors."

"I've never had to sit on the bench before and I don't think I want to begin doing that now. It was definitely a consideration, because at some places I wouldn't have had a chance (to play as a freshman)."

Wednesday night for the championship of the Metropolitan Soccer League.

"The biggest adjustment for me at the college level will be the speed of play," said the 5-foot-11, 165-pound Norbet. "You don't have time for two or three touches. I've watched SLU (St. Louis University) play a lot, but you can't really tell how fast they're going."

"I have to improve my strength to play the physical game. I'll start a weight training program in the summer. Right now, I'm just worried about graduating and doing well in all of my classes."

"I want to be in shape for preseason camp because I have to prove something. My endurance has to be 100 percent all the time."

"The opportunity to play as a freshman was another reason Norbet chose Davidson.

"(Slagle) said if I come in in shape and ready to play, I can challenge for a starting spot," Norbet said. "They're a young team. They lost only two seniors and they were both strikers, so that fits right in my boat. The rest of the starters are all sophomores and juniors."

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## Pontiac's restyled Grand Am has much to like

By Tom Strongman

When auto manufacturers redesign a best-selling product, great care is required. If the redesign is too modest, buyers may reject the change as superficial. Take it too far and loyal buyers might be driven away.

History books are littered with examples of each. Pontiac faced this daunting task when it took on the challenge of creating a completely new Grand Am, the leading seller in its portfolio. The new car had to be instantly recognizable as a Grand Am, yet it had to erase any shortcomings of the old model. The mandate was clear: Give the new car more interior space, improve build quality, add a new engine and keep styling dramatic. Oh, yes, and do that without a major price increase.

Instructions like these keep auto execs in daily contact with ulcer medicine, but the folks at Pontiac turned out a car that generally succeeds in each of those areas. To keep prices in line, the three basic models—SE, SE1 and SE2—range from \$16,395 for the SE coupe to \$19,495 for the SE2 sedan. That's \$134 less than a comparably equipped 1996.

Our test car was a purple metallic SE2 sedan equipped with the 3.4-liter V-6 engine. Here's a closer look:

Because the 107-inch wheelbase is 3.6 inches longer than the old car, interior volume is up substantially. Overall length, however, is up by only one-half inch. Most of the additional interior space shows up in back-seat leg room, an area that needed improvement.

The new body structure is more rigid, and that cuts down not only on squeaks and rattles but also allows the suspension to be tuned for a more supple ride.

Reduced road noise is a result of additional sound deadening and thicker windshield glass.

Two huge, hooded pods dominate the dashboard and contain the speedometer, tachometer and secondary gauges, which look similar to those of the new Corvette. A leather-like texture gives the instrument panel a softer look.

Round "eyeball type" air outlets on top of the dash twist and rotate to direct airflow and rotate as if they are mounted in liquid.

Fingertip controls for cruise control and radio are mounted on the steering.

Seats are completely new this year. Not only do they have good lateral support, they soak up bumps and vibrations because they were designed to work in concert with the car's suspension.

Knocks? Radio controls still are rather busy, although they are better, and most secondary controls don't have the same feel as those found in its imported competition.

The independent suspension allows for a much-improved ride, especially because the tri-link rear setup allows 25 percent more rear wheel travel. Not only does the Grand Am cruise over bumps with less upset, but it takes turns with more confidence and less body roll. The 16-inch alloy wheels and low-profile touring tires are part of the SE2 equipment package.

A higher-performance GT model will debut later in the summer.

While the standard engine on base models is a 2.4-liter, 150-horsepower twin carb unit, the SE2 gets the 3.4-liter V-6, which is derived from the engine in the Trans Sport minivan. It pumps 170 horsepower through a beefed-up transaxle that was developed exclusively for use in cars

with this engine.

This engine doesn't jump away from stops all that much quicker than the four-cylinder, but it feels more refined.

On the highway it is delightfully smooth, yet it has adequate power reserves for passing or hill climbing.

Both engines come only with automatic transmissions at this time, although a five-speed will be available with the four-cylinder in a year. A benefit to the automatic transmission is the ETS, or enhanced traction system, that uses the engine's computerized management system to retard the spark, reduce power and select the proper gear to maintain traction in slippery conditions.

Anti-lock brakes also are standard.

Surprise and delight items include battery rundown protection; a license plate pocket in the front fascia with a removable cover; rear cornering lamps that project light at 45 degrees for backing up; daytime running lights with automatic light control; programmable power door locks; and an oil-life monitor that tells when the oil needs to be changed based on how the car has been driven.

Nice touches include mounting the gauge cluster in rubber to eliminate squeaks, wrapping dash wiring in cloth to eliminate noises and molding ribs into the door panels to mirror the outside ribbing.

The base price of our test car was \$19,495. Options of rear spoiler and upgraded stereo with compact disc player brought the sticker price to \$19,900.

The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

## Points & Plugs

Fixing collision damage on small trucks can be expensive

By Rick Stoff

They really can pound the pavement, but don't tap trees with them. Some small pickups have bumpers that transmit minor collision forces to other parts of the truck and produce very expensive repair bills.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety ran a Chevrolet S10, Ford Ranger, Dodge Dakota, Nissan Frontier and Toyota Tacoma into fixed objects at 5 mph and ended up with repair estimates ranging up to \$2,179.

When the trucks were driven forward into flat barriers, repair estimates ranged from \$180 to \$1,058. Backing into flat barriers did \$30 to \$1,250 in damage. Backing into a pole was still more expensive, producing \$297 to \$1,151 in crunched parts. Driving forward into angled obstructions was worse—the five trucks suffered damage totaling \$1,095 to \$2,179.

The problem, according to the institute, is the little trucks try to be too tough. With rigid bumpers attached to rigid frames, collision energy is not absorbed but is transmitted to sheet metal parts that aren't designed to absorb energy, either. In some tests, the 5-mph bumps pushed the pickup cabs and beds together, amplifying the total damage. The institute pointed out that trucks do not have to meet the same bumper absorption standards as cars. Cars must be able to take a 2.5-mph bump without suffering damage.

How do we sell 'em this cheap? Volume! That's a boast Toyota dealers can make for the second year in a row. The average Toyota dealer sold 951 new cars and trucks in 1997 to lead the volume rankings. Honda dealers averaged 830 sales per outlet to come in second. Third went to Ford with an average of 765.

When car sales only were tallied, Honda led with an average of 726 auto sales per dealer. Saturn, which led the charts from 1992 to 1995, fell 110 cars per dealer to finish with a 666-car average. That gave Saturn second on the car sales rankings and fourth on the combined car-truck list.

The rankings show that some organizations may have too many dealers. The first-place Toyota actually sold 2.1 million fewer new vehicles last year than third-place Ford. What cars, trucks and vans are best for transporting kids? A new brochure is available to help parents weigh their needs and sift through the possibilities.

When selecting a suitable vehicle for hauling the family, parents should consider such factors as compatibility with child safety seats, the arrangement of lap and shoulder belts in the back seat and the availability of manual on-off switches for air bags, according to a brochure produced by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American Automobile Association.

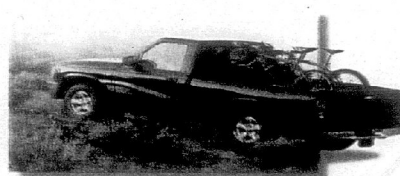
The brochure lists 77 new cars and trucks, their accommodations for children and provides safety tips for transporting children. To request a free copy, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Auto Club of Missouri Traffic and Safety Department, "Buying A Safer Car for Child Passengers," 12801 N. Forty Drive, St. Louis, Mo., 63141.

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Country home just minutes from  
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**IMMACULATE CONDO** in Pointe North. 2  
1/2 baths, 3 BRs, formal dining room,  
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